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F-16 crashes on bombing range

An Ohio Air National Guard F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 178th Fighter Wing in Springfield, Ohio, crashed at the Camp Grayling air-to-ground bombing range at approximately 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19.

The jet was on a routine training mission at Camp Grayling with three other Ohio Air National Guard jets when the crash occurred. The pilot, Captain Douglas J. Cligrow, ejected safely and was taken to an area hospital for evaluation.

The single seat fighter aircraft departed Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base in Alpena for a mission

over the Camp Grayling range as part of the unit's Operational Readiness Evaluation exercise. The group had completed its runs over the range complex when the pilot experienced a problem with his aircraft and was forced to eject. The F-16 went down on the reservation and there was no damage to private property according to military officials. Other members of the flight team returned to Phelps Collins ANG Base without incident.

A board of qualified Air Force officers will be convened to investigate the accident.

Camp Grayling National Guard Training Center Training Year 1996

The schedule below lists numbers of soldiers that are expected for training periods at Camp Grayling through the end of September. Numbers are reduced from previous years because of training in other states and countries. One example is that Michigan units, numbering 1,561 soldiers, will support the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, accompanied by units from Ohio, Indiana and other states.

These soldiers will not be spending their allotted two weeks of annual training in Grayling.

Weekend training

Mar 13-15	40
Mar 22-24	739
Mar 29-31	112
Apr 12-14	1,961
Apr 19-21	1,965
Apr 26-29	40
May 3-5	2,122
May 10-12	144
May 17-19	1,571
Jun 1-2	316
Jun 7-9	724
Jul 12-14	336
Jul 19-21	276
Jul 26-28	460
Aug 2-4	356
Aug 9-11	403
Aug 16-18	514
Sep 6-8	751
Sep 13-15	2,726
Sep 20-22	260
Yearly total	27,088

Annual Training

May 4-18	Michigan ARNG	202
Jun 1-15	Michigan ARNG	23
Jun 8-22	Michigan ARNG	9
Jun 15-29	Michigan ARNG	4,365
Jul 13-27	Ohio ARNG	467
Jul 20-Aug 3	Ohio, Indiana	3,361
Aug 10-24	Michigan ARNG	450
Yearly total		8,877

Note: Yearly totals cover period from Oct 1-Sept 30

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THE GREAT AMERICAN BALD EAGLE--Nearly extinct in the lower 48 states only 10 years ago, the American Bald Eagle has made a remarkable come back. This eagle was recently photographed near Lake Margrethe.

Photo by Terry Wright/Avalanche

Worst case of animal cruelty in county history

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Described as the worst incident of animal cruelty in Crawford County history, investigators are seeking arrest warrants against the former residents of a home on East M-72 just past Stephan Bridge Road.

The bodies of 20 animals have been identified, including geese, ducks, rabbits, a goat, a guinea pig, turkeys, chickens and a dog.

With three-to-four feet of snow on the ground, Animal Control Officer Dixie Lobsinger said more bodies may be found as the snow continues to melt.

The house was abandoned in December, with the tenants moving to another home within Crawford County.

Only 15 bodies have been recovered so far, the other five are frozen in ice and snow, making them impossible to remove. Salt has been sprinkled around the bodies to speed up the thawing process.

The bodies were taken to the Grayling Hospital for Animals in order for autopsies to be performed.

The exact cause of death can't be reported until the results of the autopsies are complete.

"It appears most of them had starved," said Lobsinger.

Walking through the scene, noting the dead bodies, Lobsinger attempted



AN UNENVIABLE RECORD--The goat pictured above was one of more than a dozen animals found frozen in the ground at a home east of Grayling. Also dead were geese, ducks, rabbits, turkeys, chickens, a dog and a guinea pig. More pictures of the cruelty can be found on page 1B.

to lighten the situation when she saw a stuffed animal buried in the ice.

Making a comment about dead stuffed animals, Lobsinger bent down to inspect the toy. The toy wasn't a toy at all, but the body of a little dog buried

in the ice and snow.

Officer Dean Goss of the Crawford County Sheriff Department turned in his report on the incident to the prosecutor's office on Tuesday, March 19. It will be up to the prosecutor to

decide whether to charge the Crawford County residents and exactly what those charges would be.

The maximum penalty for animal cruelty charges is 90 days in jail and/or \$1,000 fine for each count.

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Crawford County Sheriff Patrol for the week of March 11-17

The sheriff department responded to 111 incidents during the week of Monday, March 11-17.

Deputies investigated four reports of breaking and enterings. The incidents occurred on W. Seven Mile Road, Johnson Road and S. Spine Avenue. A dog was reported stolen from Hiawatha Drive on

Tuesday, March 12.

Two local motels, the Super 8 and the Western Trails, reported damage to their motel rooms during the week. The incident at Western Trails involved public intoxication.

A bloody boot was reported near Pere Cheney on Friday, March 18, which turned out to be a Kool-aid

covered boot. Local teenagers confessed to the incident, which was only intended to be a practical joke on a friend.

On Monday, March 11, a resident reported a newer pickup cruising the neighborhood at around 8 p.m. Upon investigation, deputies found the driver was an area resident looking for their

dog. On Wednesday, March 13, deputies received a silent hold up alarm from Northland Area Credit Union. Dispatch was notified that the alarm was false.

On Saturday, March 16, a 14-year-old female left her grandparents without permission. The youth was located and returned to the grandparents.

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Legislation would establish forest recreation system

A legislative package recently approved by the Michigan House, ensures the maintenance, management and promotion of the state forest system, said a northern Michigan lawmaker who supported the plan.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, said House Bills 5502 and 5503 require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish a forest recreation fund, and develop an integrated recreation system within Michigan forests.

"This helps those who enjoy activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, canoeing, snowmobiling and boating," said Lowe, a member of the House Tourism and Recreation Committee.

Under the proposal, the DNR can grant concessions for such services as liveries or snack bars, and accept gifts or bequests from public and private sources for the recreation fund. Each concession will be awarded every seven years, based on extension,

renegotiation or competitive bidding. The legislation also recognizes the countless services volunteers now provide by giving them official status and the same immunity from civil liability that is afforded DNR employees.

Many of the concepts included in the package come from a report issued in 1995, by the Michigan State Forest Recreation Advisory Committee. The 3-year study was conducted by representatives from the DNR, forest

industry, and conservation, environmental and recreational associations. More than 500 individuals attended the group's nine public hearings.

The researchers found that hunters spent close to \$900 million in Michigan, as did those who view wildlife. When combined with anglers, mushroom pickers and the multitude of others attracted to northern Michigan's forest-recreation opportunities, the economic impact is substantial.

Forests also provide raw materials for lumber, furniture, paper and other wood products. More than 60,000 individuals are employed to harvest, manufacture and distribute these items.

"This study shows the potential for the future. Michigan has the largest state-forest system in the country, with approximately 3.9 million acres of land. Our forests provide many recreational, economic and ecological benefits. They must be used wisely while being preserved for generations to come," Lowe said.

The DNR, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and Michigan Trail Riders support the package.

Both bills await Senate consideration.

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Spring Arbor College to begin new class

Spring Arbor College is currently accepting students for their accelerated bachelor of arts degree completion program in Management and Organizational Development starting Monday, April 22, in Gaylord. Classes will meet one night a week from 6 to 10 p.m. for a series of 55 weeks.

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Ladies of St. John to host luncheon/ cards

The quilting ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon card party in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Wednesday, March 27. The luncheon will be at 12 noon, followed by cards. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call Dorothy McLeod at 348-9169, or the church office, 348-5224.

Community BINGO Calendar

Tuesday - 6:30 pm
Grayling Youth Booster Club
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Wednesday - 11 am
Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

Wednesday - 6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus
K of C Hall, 604 Norway Grayling

Thursday - 7 pm
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Friday - 6:30 pm
Grayling Eagles Aerie #3465
Eagles Club, 602 Huron Grayling

Saturday - 6:30 pm
Frederic Volunteer Fire Department
Frederic Township Hall

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Student artists compete for national audience

Grayling High School students have an opportunity this spring, to compete in a contest that allows their work to be showcased for a national audience in one of the corridors of the U.S. Capitol.

Now in its 14th season, the contest known as 'An Artistic Discovery' is sponsored in part by Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, and is being coordinated by Escanaba's William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, which will assist in selecting the final winner.

Winning a district event not only allows young artists to show their talents in the nation's capital, but it also gives them an opportunity to attend a June 25 award ceremony in Washington D.C. In past years, guests at this ceremony have included actresses Jane Alexander and Susan Sarandon, actors Tom Cruise and Christian Slater, and authors Michael Chrichton and Norman Mailer.

"The current display in Washington, is a daily reminder to members of Congress, their staff, and to visitors of

the imagination and artistic skill of young people all across the nation," Stupak said.

School officials and art instructors at individual high schools throughout the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Michigan, have been invited to take part in the annual event, and Stupak encouraged them to participate.

"This is one more opportunity to show the nation that the creativity of the students in northern Michigan doesn't take a back seat to anyone," he said.

Entries are limited to a maximum size of 32 inches by 32 inches, and while a variety of mediums are acceptable, any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo, painting or other work will not be accepted.

Individual schools will set their own deadlines for submission or review. The deadline for submission of works to Bonifas is May 2.

Szatkowski selected as GSB's 1995 Employee of the Year



Mary Lou Szatkowski

James R. Kanary, chairman and CEO of GSB, is pleased to announce the selection of Mary Lou Szatkowski as the 1995 Employee of the Year. The award was presented at the annual employee dinner on Jan. 13.

Szatkowski began her career at GSB in July 1991, as a teller at the Old-27 Gaylord office. She has also worked at the main office and mail office in Grayling. In December 1995, Szatkowski was promoted to her current position of head teller of the Old-27 office in Gaylord.

In nominating Szatkowski, Nick Florian, branch manager of GSB's Gaylord offices said, "Mary Lou possesses great customer-service skills. She treats all customers with great respect and takes a position of

honor to be their banker. Throughout the entire year, she has produced sales which have allowed her office to maintain its growth. She believes in the team concept, and works hard to coordinate herself and her fellow employees towards a common goal."

Szatkowski is active in the Gaylord Sport Boosters and the Catholic Services Appeal. She and her husband, Mike, and children, Jason and Melinda, reside in Michawyc.

Also receiving special recognition at the annual employee dinner were the top GSB sales persons in 1995: Wendy Hinkle, Full-Time Teller Award; Mary Stevenson, Part-Time Teller Award; Lynn Prusakiewicz, Sales Award; and Lisa Whitcher, Non-Customer Contact Award.

State bee to decide who's tops in geography

One Hundred students in grades four through eight will compete in the eighth annual Michigan Geography Bee March 29, at Central Michigan University (CMU) in Mt. Pleasant. Amy Stevenson of Frederic, will represent Grayling Middle School.

The state bee is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Students are tested orally on geographic knowledge.

More than 200 Michigan schools participated in preliminary bees in January. Winners of the preliminary round took a written qualifying test, which was scored by the National

Geographic Society in Washington D.C. The top 100 scorers advanced to the state bee.

The March 29 competition will begin with preliminary rounds at 9 a.m. in the Bovee University Center. Ten students will advance to the 11:30 a.m. final round. Wayne Kiefer, Michigan coordinator of the National Geographic Bee and a member of the CMU geography faculty, will be the moderator.

The winner will receive \$100 and an all-expenses-paid trip to the national finals, May 28-29, in Washington, D.C. The national champion will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Celebrate Reading Month at Grayling Elementary

Grayling Elementary Parent's Organization invites everyone to celebrate reading month with them. They are sponsoring a Parent Involvement Night at Grayling Elementary on Thursday, March 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. A hot dog dinner will be available from 6 to 6:30 p.m. for \$1.50, followed by many fun activities that promote reading.

There will be reading activities, crafts, games and a special guest reader.

There will also be a book exchange: bring a good used book and take a different one home. The theme is centered around the Olympics so, if you want, dress up in our favorite sports outfit.

Everyone is encouraged to come. All activities are free, however, there will be a bake sale and a school store, so bring your quarters—and your reading glasses.

Local student wins honors in 'When I Grow Up' speech competition

Two elementary students from northern Michigan were honored in the semi-final round of the Michigan McDonald's "When I Grow Up" speech competition held Tuesday, March 12, at Johannesburg Elementary School. A Grayling Elementary student placed third.

Brandon Darnon, a fifth-grader and future professional basketball player from Shay Elementary School in Harbor Springs, and Jessica Russell, a fourth-grader and aspiring author from Wellston Elementary School, will advance to the final round of the statewide competition to be held Saturday, April 27, at Lansing's Everett High School.

Second-place ribbons were awarded to Amy Shirley, a fifth-grader and future teacher from Kaleva Elementary School, and Rebecca Harris, a fourth-grader and prospective archaeologist, also of Kaleva Elementary.

Third-place ribbons were awarded to Ken Heinlein, a fifth-grader and hopeful illustrator from Grayling Middle School, and Christine Dixon, a fourth-grader and aspiring surgical pediatrician from Boyne City Elementary School. Second- and third-place finalists do not advance to the Lansing final round.

"When I Grow Up" offers fourth- and fifth-grade students an opportunity to give 3-minute oral presentations about their "dream" careers and how they intend to achieve them. Speeches are judged on content, creativity, delivery and stage presentation.

McDonald's eighth annual "When I Grow Up" speech competition, sponsored by McDonald's Operators of Outstate Michigan, Inc., is designed to stimulate students' imaginations and inspire them to explore future career interests and goals.

NARFE sets April meeting date

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2305, will meet Thursday, April 4, at the Grayling Holiday Inn. They meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m., with the business meeting following at approximately 12:30 p.m.

All federal employees, current or retired, and their spouses are encouraged to join this newly-formed chapter. Membership is open to

civilians with at least five years vested service in any agency of the federal or D.C. governments.

Membership costs are \$15 national dues plus \$10 chapter dues, for a total of \$25 per person annually. If you would like more information, call Richard Barber, president, in Gaylord, at (517) 732-7819, or vice president, Rudy Martinez, in Grayling, at (517) 348-5326.

Phantom of the Opera tickets available

Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) has been able to obtain seats in the front two rows to the sold-out national tour production of *Phantom of the Opera*, playing at MSU's Wharton Center for the Arts in East Lansing, from April 13 to May 26.

KCPA has secured 46 seats to the 2 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday, May 4. All seats are in the front two rows of the auditorium and are \$60 each. This is the actual cost of the tickets. The Kirtland Community College is making this block of tickets available to the community as a public service. Tickets are available from Ron Keonig's office at (517) 275-5121, ext. 311, on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets must be paid for no later than March 28.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

After John Engler who will it be?

MOST OF THE WORLD is still caught up in the question of who will be the next president of the United States, but here in Michigan, advance thinkers have moved on to the really vital poser of the day:

Who will be the candidates for governor of Michigan in 1998?

Admittedly, it's a guessing game at this point, but political guessing always is fun. And the field is wide open.

A Lansing polling firm recently got into the act, putting together a list of six Republicans and five Democrats as potential candidates for governor two years hence. And asking likely primary voters for their choices.

The winners: Democrat Donald Riegle and Republican Brooks Patterson.

The poll did not take the next logical step in trying to pick a winner.

ACCORDING TO The Detroit News report on the poll, recent Sen. Riegle received 43.8 percent of the Democrat mention, while among Republicans, Mr. Patterson—now Oakland County executive and a frequent statewide candidate for something of other—topped the GOP list with 19 percent.

Next among Democrats came East Lansing's Larry Owen (who lost in the 1994 Democratic primary for governor with 3.5 percent), State Sen. James Bryan of Adrian (who has announced as a 1998 candidate for governor) with 2.3 percent, Doug Ross,

former state senator now in Washington in an administration job with 1.6 percent, and State Rep. James Agee of Muskegon at less than 1 percent.

No explanation was offered as to why five Democrats and six Republicans; but with Mr. Agee rounding out the polling field, it's possible pollsters simply ran short of names.

WITH REPUBLICANS, Mr. Patterson weighed in with 19 percent, State Sen. Bill Schuette (former congressman, state agriculture director and U.S. Senate candidate) 14.9; Candice Miller (Secretary of State) 9.7; Sen. Dick Posthumus (Republican senate leader) 5.6; and Peter Secchia of Grand Rapids (veteran GOP activist and President Bush's ambassador to Italy) ties with State Sen. John Schwarz of Battle Creek at 1.1 percent.

Some obvious names are missing. House Speaker Paul Haggerty, who recently indicated he won't run for the state House again, but may go for governor, was left off the list because (according to the News) pollsters believed he would run for something else.

Then there's Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld and former Gov. James Blanchard, who has resigned as ambassador to Canada.

Either would have been close to the top of the list, had they been included.

At this point, any poll of potential governors two years hence will strictly be a contest of name recognition.

OF COURSE, the biggest potential of them all—Gov. John Engler himself, was not mentioned.

Chances are he would have swept the field. Mr. Engler should not be counted out for a third term, depending, of course, on whether he will be either vice president or president in 1998, which also is a possibility, either way.

Political hunchsters also might inspect the mid-Michigan congressional race this year between Republican Dick Chrysler and potential Democratic challenger Debbie Stabenow.

This congressional contest possibly could produce a candidate for governor, depending on who goes to Congress and who stays home.

Both have run for governor before—Ms. Stabenow in 1994, and Mr. Chrysler in 1986.

Neither survived the primary, but both obviously have some interest in the governor's mansion.

Whoever loses for Congress might well turn to the governor's opening.

The 1998 run for governor is more than two years away—but it's never too early to speculate, and it's a game anyone can play.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



JIM FITZGERALD

Names hurt slashers in U.S. House

Which is worse, having to crawl on your belly, or being the offspring of unwed parents?

That's a reasonable question to ask following the declaration by 82 U.S. House Republicans that it is "a reprehensible and unforgivable insult" to be called "reptilian bastards."

That's what Detroit lawyer George Bushnell called some House members in a speech at the recent American Bar Association national convention. And the 82 Republicans were so outraged, they sent Bushnell a letter demanding his resignation as president of the association.

Bushnell responded that his remarks were aimed only at House members who want to slash federal funding for legal services provided for poor people. He hasn't resigned yet.

And none of the 82 learned lawmakers explained whether they were most upset at being called snake-like, or illegitimate. Or is it the combination—a serpent whose mother and father never exchanged wedding vows—that angered them into calling the insult not only reprehensible, but also unforgivable?

In the 1950s, as a newspaper ad salesman, I annually staged a promotion in which merchants gave valuable—and well-advertised—merchandise to the first baby born at the local hospital every New Year. The only stipulation was that the infant's parents had to be married to each other.

Also, every week my newspaper listed in the Births column the names of every local newborn and his or her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blow. But if there was no Mr. and Mrs., there was no birth, as far as the newspaper was concerned. The editor didn't want to embarrass the bastard's relatives, who were grateful for no publicity.

Those were the days when pregnant unwed girls were often shipped out of town, to live with relatives or friends until the bastard was adopted or brought home with some brilliant explanation—"Look what Aunt Bessie found in the mail!"—that fooled no one. There was no greater shame than a baby born out of wedlock.

But today, a bastard could be elected president. Better late than never. Neanderthal, we finally realize how unfair it is to brand and exclude an innocent child as "illegitimate" and therefore unacceptable.

Also, it has become politically correct—and popular with many celebrities—to put off the ceremony until the offspring grow old enough to be a bridesmaid, or to give his mother the bride away to his dad.

Or forget the wedding forever. Who cares if your mom and dad never marry each other, and perhaps marry Uncle Joe and Aunt Jane instead? This is a free and fair country that welcomes alternative lifestyles.

Snakes, too. Any animal-rights activist worth his picket sign will tell you it's unfair and ridiculous to say

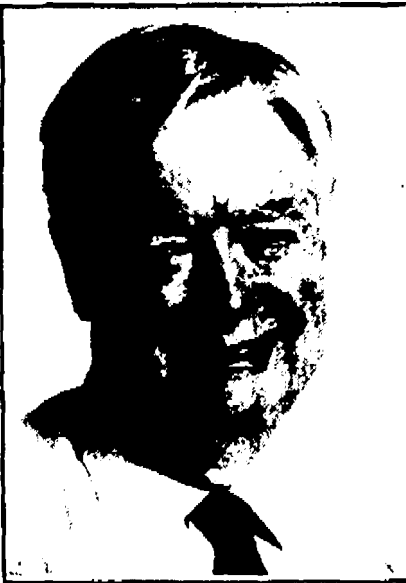
reptiles are automatically more evil or repulsive than, say, a dog, a lion, or a congressman. So what if they slither instead of walk? How would you like to be hit in the head with a stick just because you had to slither to get anywhere?

Obviously, it was not reprehensible and unforgivable for George Bushnell to call some U.S. House representatives reptilian bastards. He shouldn't feel compelled to resign as ABA president.

And those 82 House Republicans should find something better to do than insult snakes and bastards by comparing them to lawmakers.

For example, speaking of name-calling, a newspaper recently reported that the Women's Tennis Association tour turned down an attractive \$10-million global sponsorship offer by Tampax for "fear of endless jokes, bad puns and snickering men."

To point out the stupidity and inequality of such a sexist attitude, Congress should pass a law limiting beer sales and advertising at all male sports events to once a month.



Disclaimer

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Editor's Quote Book

If by being over-studious, we impair our health and spoil our good humor, let us give it up.

Montaigne

Our community cares and shares

To the editor,
Even though this is a difficult time for me, I feel a need to share my thoughts and feelings with the citizens of Crawford County.

I recently lost my husband, Jim Wakeley, to cancer and God. Jim was very proud of the fact that he was a native of Grayling, born, raised and lived here his entire 50 years, and that our four children, four grandchildren (plus one on the way) were also born, raised and reside here too.

He often commented on the fact that Grayling and its surrounding townships were growing so fast. That years ago you practically knew everyone and when you drove downtown almost all of the faces were familiar. He was concerned and a bit unsettled about the rapid growth of Crawford County, that when we drove through town and down main street, there was hardly a familiar face to be seen.

I also shared some of his concern, but upon his passing, I truly found out what a wonderful community Crawford County is. That there still is a lot of the natives and long-time residents around who are caring and sharing people, however, I also found

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer is unhappy with local law enforcement

To the editor,
Safety, speed and peace of mind lately has become a serious problem in Grayling. In the last several weeks, I, along with some of my neighbors and friends, have called the police department, along with 911, for a drunk driver, speeders, reckless driving and people breaking into a house that is vacant and up for sale.

We were told for the house, call back tomorrow, it's not something they do on business hours. The drunk driver that almost caused several head-on collisions on North Down River Road, and ran his vehicle in a snow bank, is still out there driving drunk—not to mention the speeders in the estates, and through the rest of the city. Why do we have speed limit signs? I am a concerned parent. What is it going to take for the police department to start taking these violations seriously? For a kid to get hit by a speed demon? For

a house to get broken into and an innocent person gets killed?

We need to let these violators know that there are laws. I'm not pointing fingers, but what if one of the officers' kids got hit by a drunk driver? Or the police chief's house gets broken into? Would he get told to call back tomorrow, that it's not something they do during business hours? I don't think so. We have a police department in our city, but here lately, the state police is more willing to do for Grayling, what Grayling should be doing for Grayling.

What's wrong with this picture? I know I'm not the only one in this city who feels the same way I do, and I'm hoping that writing this letter will bring some attention to an ever-growing problem. Be it my child, or the neighbors' child, no one should get hurt by lack of reinforcing the laws.

Paula J. Sells
Grayling

It's time for spring cleaning

To the editor,
It's almost spring and we are in the process of having a big house cleaning. Beware! If we pick up all the stones we've tripped over, we could not find a closet big enough to put in all of the dirty skeletons.

Since spring is so close, let's all air

our dirty linen and throw out the trash. Pull up your boot straps and put on a new look for spring.

There isn't any need to throw stones. We have a good Avalanche. Thank you Lord. Amen.

Janet Pipe
Grayling

Former residents remember 'Mother'

To the editor,
Just because some of us now live in Florida, does not mean that we do not keep up with the Avalanche each week, and long to return and spend time with our old friends in "God's Country." And we were really saddened to read in the last issue of the Avalanche of the passing of our friend, Phyllis Thompson.

We four worked with Phyllis for many years in Grayling. A couple of us lived nearby to she and Ross in Sherwood Forest and on Ole Dam Road. So our friendship extended outside the confines of Bear Archery in those days. We will all miss Phyllis terribly. Some of you may know that we all worked together in the small white house next to the "Archery," that had been Phyllis and Ross' home. It became our Bear Archery In-House Advertising Agency and was known affectionately throughout the company as "The Swamp."

Phyllis was our housemother, and

none of us ever called her Phyllis, it was always "Mother," even though she was the same age as a couple of us, far younger even than old man Charlie Kroll. Mother would bring her "kids" her homemade egg salad for sandwiches, snacks, and potato salad for lunches. In the mornings, if we were good, she'd even make us peanut butter toast for coffee breaks. She was a real "Mother" to us all and didn't hesitate to put us in our places when we deserved it, which we did from time to time.

There was a basic goodness to Phyllis, and a solid foundation to her personality and character that was evident to us all. We all loved Phyllis, and always will. Her "adopted Swamp Kids" may live in Florida now, but she will always live in our hearts and memories.

Dick Lattimer,
Pat Wiseman-Snyder
Bill McIntosh, and
Charlie Kroll

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The whole art of government consists in being honest.

Thomas Jefferson

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

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Snowmobile Association honors outgoing secretary



Members of the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association recently presented outgoing recording secretary Mary Kay Zienert with a plaque in recognition of her dedicated service to the club.

Zienert is pictured with board members Neal Michal (L) and Ken Riehle.

DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

The size of a squared timber depended upon the requirements of the buyer, who would specify the dimensions of the sticks and the number required. The size of the timbers varied from 20 to 40 inches square, and as much as 60 feet long. It requires a tree of large diameter to produce a timber 20 inches square, let alone 40 inches square. Depending upon the intended use, the timber might be cut from a red or white pine and some pines, especially white pines, could easily be 150 to 200 feet tall and limb free for 70 to 80 feet.

Any blemish would be cause to reject a timber, and each piece was graded very carefully by men who seemed to have an uncanny ability to detect defects, even inside the timber itself. By having someone rap one end of a timber while they held their ear to the

other end, an inspector could determine how sound it was. Any visible mistake made by the scorer or hewer would disqualify a timber as quickly as a visible knot on any one of the four faces of the timber.

Since timbers were often cut and squared miles from the shipping point, unusual care was taken to protect the faces of the timber, no matter how or when it was moved. Calked boots, cant hooks and even chains were forbidden for turning the timbers when they were being hewn or loaded on sleighs. The use of skidding tongs was also forbidden. The production of squared timbers went on throughout the year, so during the summer, horses moved 2-wheeled skidders much like our big wheels, except that they had very wide tires to keep them from sinking into the ground very far. One

end of the timber was drawn up to the axle, between the wheels by a ratchet, and the other end rested on what was known as a sloop, which slid on the ground to protect the end of the timber. No chain or cable touched the timber on either end and special care was taken with the condition of the ground over which the timber was drawn.

If timbers were floated down a river, here also special care was taken to prevent damage. However the timbers reached a port, they were loaded on ships equipped with stern ports. The timbers were drawn up ramps through those stern ports into the ships hold. Once the ship was fully loaded, it either set a course for one of our many shipyards or for England. The square-timber industry ended with the demise of the wooden ship, and it, along with the hewer and his broadaxe, became a part of our history.

1996 twister season approaches; Michigan 'dodged the bullet' in 1995

Last year was a relatively quiet one for tornadoes in Michigan, as only 12 twisters struck the state. That is 25 percent below the normal of 16. All of the tornadoes were weak and, in an unusual "twist," there were more tornadoes in northern Michigan than in the southern part.

Although the twisters injured only three people and caused about a quarter of a million dollars in damage, residents are warned not to become too complacent: tornadoes have killed 341 Michigan citizens. In fact, Michigan holds the dubious distinction of having the eighth deadliest tornado in United States history, which occurred in Flint in 1953.

Accordingly, Governor John Engler has declared March 24 through 30, 1996 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages residents to review tornado safety procedures, and to monitor rapidly changing weather conditions as spring approaches.

Tornadoes generally develop from severe thunderstorms, and are more likely to occur when there is unusually warm and humid air at the earth's surface and cold and dry air aloft, and strong upper-level jet stream winds. According to the National Weather Service, these conditions are most likely to occur in the spring, although a strong risk continues well into summer.

Although media attention frequently focuses on tornadoes, it is important to remember that severe thunderstorms without tornadoes are extremely dangerous. Severe wind, large hail, and lightning all need to be taken seriously. Last year, for example, three people died as a result of lightning strikes, and a July 13 severe storm killed a man when it collapsed the roof of a barn he was in. The wave of storms on that day alone caused over \$5 million in damage.

Since tornadoes develop and move rapidly, Michiganders should familiarize themselves with the various severe weather alerts. A tornado watch simply means "watch out;" severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible. Residents should gather a first

aid kit, flashlight, and portable radio, monitor local television and radio and keep an eye to the sky.

A tornado warning issued for your county means that a tornado is happening now. Go immediately to the basement and take cover under something sturdy. If there is no basement, a bathroom or closet in the lowest, center-most part of the building works best. Remember to stay away from windows.

At work or school, if a basement is not available, move to an interior hallway on the lowest floor possible. Avoid rooms with a large, free-span roof, like gymnasiums. If caught in a car or in the open when a tornado threatens, seek shelter in a ditch, ravine or other place below ground level and stay as low as possible.

Property owners can also be prepared by ensuring that they have adequate coverage for their home and personal belongings under their home-

owners insurance policies. Tornadoes are considered "windstorms" and covered by virtually all homeowners policies, according to insurance industry representatives on the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness. However, certain limits and requirements may apply.

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Age-old Problems

When most people think about getting older, such physical changes as laugh lines and hair loss likely come to mind. Fat pads and toe joints are usually not high on the worry list. How the feet age, though, may have more to do with a healthy long life than an ocean-full of wrinkle cream. Like facial skin, the skin on the feet loses elasticity with age, making feet more susceptible to calluses and injuries. Toenails may either become thin and brittle or thick and infected. Bones tend to become brittle, actually changing shape. Joints lose flexibility, and fat pads start to thin on the heels and balls of the feet. Blood vessels may narrow, arteries clog, and veins enlarge. Ligaments, tendons, and muscles tend to weaken.

No matter how old your feet are, if they hurt, it's important to find out why. Following diagnosis, it's then time to formulate a treatment plan which may consist of medications, orthotics, or surgery. Whatever your foot problems - don't try to cure them on your own - it's important to communicate with your doctor. GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C.'s state of the art offices are located at 1209 E. 8th St., Traverse City. Phone 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. We're also located at KALKASKA MEMORIAL HEALTH CENTER, Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Regular foot care, including daily self inspections, can help ensure healthy feet despite the changes of aging.

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FRI. 22	• COMEDY DINNER THEATRE @ Kirtland Community College, 8 pm, call 517-275-6777 for ticket information. • END OF THIRD MARKING PERIOD. • HS PLAY @ auditorium, 7:30 pm.
SAT. 23	• COMEDY DINNER THEATRE @ Kirtland Community College, 8 pm, call 517-275-6777 for ticket information.
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TUES. 26	• GRAYLING CITY COUNCIL MEETING. • COMMUNITY ED CONCERT SERIES, "Alma Kiltie Band" @ auditorium, 7:30 pm. • COA "Dance with Tina", 12:30 pm. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant. • GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle.
WED. 27	• PARENT/STUDENT BASKETBALL GAME, 6:30 pm. • GRADES 3 & 4 REPORT CARDS SENT HOME. • ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHERS meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.

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From the Calvary Baptist Church

Slandered Conservatives?

Why must conservative religious and/or political persons always be branded by the media and liberals as radical extremists of some kind? Some examples of name calling includes, "Bible-thumpers," "absolutists," "ignorant," "extremists," "bigots," "prejudiced," "radicals," "regressives," "reactionaries," "cynical," "hateful," "hate mongering," "scurrilous," "intolerant," "indivious," "homophobic," "sexists," "unjust," "uncaring," "uneducated," and "politically incorrect."

Remember when any parent or teacher who challenged the Michigan Model was to be labeled as a right wing, fundamentalist Christian fanatic? Later the Final Report from The Senate Select Committee To Study the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education, found that "the state ran roughshod over wants and wishes of families." They found that, "Top officials from the Departments of

Education and Public Health used taxpayer funds to hold training sessions around the state for local school officials on how to discredit Michigan Model opponents." Conservatives were to be slandered!

In a handout from the 1996 MTS (Michigan Township Association) entitled, "Handling Confrontations to Township Government" local government officials across Michigan were warned under the title "Anti-Government Associations": "Various groups, both organized and loosely organized, with ties to other groups across the nation are starting to spring up in Michigan. These groups promote themes such as constitutional rights, anti-gun control, anti-government regulation, anti-tax, the evils of government, conspiracy theories, and various interpretations of Biblical ideas." Again, many law-abiding conservatives are being labeled with the same brush as extremists. Among specific groups listed were the Michigan Property Owners Association.

National conservative Political leaders who publicly proclaim belief

in God, the Bible, creation, the U.S. Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence are currently being branded by both national media and institutional leaders within both political parties as dangerous radical extremists. Were our forefathers dangerous radical extremists too?

Remember, the Ten Commandments are still emblazoned on the wall of the U.S. Supreme Court building bearing public evidence of our historical roots and respect for God and divine standards. Our Lord was crucified by the liberal religious and political leaders of His day. Let us never be restrained in our Christian duty by name-calling and threats to our reputation. "Blessed [is] the nation whose God [is] the LORD; [and] the people [whom] He hath chosen for His own inheritance." (Psalm 33:12).

Pastor "B"

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Travel and Adventure series to present 'Down the Amazon', March 28

On Thursday, March 28, the Crawford AuSable Community Education Travel and Adventure series continues with a trip down the Amazon.

Life along the Amazon, the longest river in the world, flowing from its headwaters in the Peruvian Andes 4,000 miles to the Atlantic in Brazil. Along this mighty river are the lofty mountains, vast jungles, lost civilizations, animal life, inhabitants and sparkling modern cities. Discover this enormous river sea as it flows rich in mystery and legend across the vast continent of South America. Doors to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium open at 6:45 p.m., with this exciting journey beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Ted Bumiller, Cincinnati architect,

will lead the journey down the Amazon, where viewers will experience the colonial grandeur of Lima, City of Kings; seals and penguins of the Guano Islands near Paracas; by plane to see the Nazca Lines; Uro Indians paddling reed boats on Lake Titicaca; llamas and alpacas on the Altiplano; Inca festival, Inti-Raymi dedicated to the Sun at Cuzco; colorful market at Pisac; awesome Machu Picchu, Lost City of the Incas; Indian crafts at Ayacucho; logging mahogany at Pucallpa; Yaguas Indians showing their skill with blow guns; floating village near Iquitos; Monkey Island near Leticia, Colombia; "Wedding of the Waters" junction of the Rio Negro and the Amazon at Manaus; harbor at Belem, Salvador, resort town of magnificent beaches and colonial architecture; Brasilia, futuristic capital of Brazil; exciting Rio De Janeiro, Sao Paulo, fastest

growing city in the world; Iquassu Falls, eighth wonder of the world; and the spectacular climb of Huascaran at 22,000 feet, second highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere.

Bumiller started traveling in his high school days. His first rugged trip was by canoe, 600 miles along the Albany River to Hudson Bay in Canada. After graduating from the University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning with a degree in architecture, Bumiller traveled for the next half year in Europe and Africa. Upon returning, he took up the practice of architecture. Still the wanderlust prevailed and within another year, he was off to film a solo jeep trip around the world. Bumiller's sense of adventure and gift of capturing his surroundings on film enable him to present his first-class traveling adventure about the Amazon.

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Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
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GHS '95 SAGA yearbook honored by scholastic press groups

By Nicole Tomczak

The Grayling High School 1995 SAGA yearbook, *Let's Face It*, won the highest awards from the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA) and the Great Lakes Interscholastics Press Association (GLIPA).

MIPA judges in the areas of reader aids, theme development, layout/design, body copy, headlines/captions, graphics, use of photography, student photography, academics, student life, organizations, people, sports, community, advertising and special considerations.

Out of 748 points possible, the '95 SAGA received 714. Books that scored between 670 and 748 won a Spartan award.

"You have a wonderful book and do a great job," wrote Kathy Laurence, MIPA judge. "Keep up the super work."

GLIPA judges on theme, coverage, copy, design, photography, reader aids and special consideration.

Our of 1,030 points possible, the '95 SAGA earned 955 and a Buckeye

SAGA yearbook on sale at GHS

The 1996 Grayling High School SAGA yearbook *Live to Tell* is still available for the low price of only \$27.50, which includes free embossing.

But, time is running out on this great deal. The yearbook's cost will jump to \$30 after spring break, and free embossing will no longer be offered. If people miss this offer, they will miss a savings of \$7.50.

The '96 yearbook has an awesome tie-dyed cover and will include a 16-page full-color senior section.

Individuals who wish to reserve a copy of the yearbook can do so by sending a check written to Grayling High School to: Grayling High School, 1135 Old US-27 North, Grayling, MI 49738. Attn: Nancy Lemmen, SAGA adviser.

Don't miss the chance to preserve memories and save money.

Health Dept. sets clinics

District Health Department No. 1 has scheduled the following clinics at the Grayling office. Appointments are recommended or required for all clinics. Call 348-7800 for information on these clinics and our Environmental Health Services.

Call for an appointment
Immunization Clinic: April 4 and 10.

Family Planning: April 9 and 23.

Medicaid Screening: None this month.

Prenatal Class: April 17.

Optional/Confidential HIV/AIDS testing: April 10 and 24.

WIC, Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: April 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 22, 25 and 26.

WIC: Frederic Satellite Clinic: April 12.

Maternal Support Service for Pregnant Women: Call for information any day.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on March 20 and cease on March 27.

The Small Arms ranges located at Arrowhead Road in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on March 22 and cease on March 27.

Range 13, Mortar Range located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road. Firing will begin on March 25 and cease on March 27.

The Range 40 Complex located north of County Road 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road I-97 (Twin Bridge Road). Firing will begin on March 25 and cease on March 27.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. I-97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on March 20 through March 22, and March 24 through March 27.

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Thank-you Notes

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The '95 SAGA staff

Heather Curtis (11)
Brooke Blaauw (12)
Mandy Duvall (alumna)
Jenni Richardson (12)
Eric Shepherd (alumnus)
Misty Burden (alumna)
Lindsey VanAmburg (11)
Jennifer Harris (12)
Julia McAnallan (11)
Arica Burkett (11)
Carol Lanczy (alumna)
Rachael Porter (11)
Bryan Bearss (alumnus)
Brion Davis (12)

award, the highest GLIPA gives.

"This is a wonderful book," wrote W. J. Walker, GLIPA judge. "Why don't more students buy it?"

Heather Curtis, junior, was editor-in-chief of *Let's Face It*.

"Heather can be very proud of her book," said Nancy Lemmen, adviser. "She was a talented and hard-working editor who did a lot of work on her own with little or no help from me. Her design skills are awesome for a high school sophomore."

"I was really pleased to see the awards," continued Lemmen. "It's my goal to help students produce an outstanding yearbook that is accurate, attractive and full of interesting and important information that readers will find available when they get the book as well as years later. I was happy to see the staff rewarded for its hard work and fine efforts."

"Winning the awards for MIPA and GLIPA was a great honor," said senior Jenni Richardson, '96 editor-in-chief. "The staff worked hard and I was very proud to be part of it."

St. Mary's to host adult retreat

St. Mary's Catholic Church is hosting a 1-day adult retreat on Wednesday, March 27. The retreat will start with the Mass of Anointing at 9:30 a.m., followed with coffee and donuts in the family center. Brother Michael Whuman will conduct the program.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. (no charge). The program will end at about 2:30 p.m. This retreat is open to the public, for men and women of all ages. Come to the retreat, you will enjoy it. Call the Parish Office at 348-7657, or Rita Sarraut at 348-8189, to register.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Boyee

Terry Hilton of Tucson, Arizona, who was very badly injured when hit by a car on Dec. 9, was able to go home last week. He is still in a wheelchair most of the time, but is able to use the walker part of the time walking on one leg, which is healing better than the other one. His attitude is good and his mother, Bernice Hilton, talks to him frequently. He goes for therapy three days a week and will for a long time. He continues to have trouble with one eye, but it is hoped that it will eventually heal all right.

Jerry Barber, another former Grayling resident and former classmate of Terry's, lives in San Manuel, Arizona, about 40 miles from Terry, and has been to see him several times. Jerry found the news in the *Crawford County Avalanche* when it was sent to him by his brother from Detroit. Terry's address is P.O. Box 16612, Tucson, AR 85732.

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Receiving accolades from President and Mrs. Bush



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Former U.S. President George Bush and his wife Barbara were the guests of honor at the gala event.

The children, many dressed in national costume, carried flags from the 36 countries represented at ISA, and highlighted the evening's theme of world citizenship and international understanding.

After the performance, two ISA students, Matthew Freechack and Aiko Nishizawa presented Barbara Bush with the customary wooden shoe which students of the ISA take with them when they leave the school.

Matthew is the grandson of Roy and Joyce Vogelsberg of Grayling.

The Bushes loved the performance. "Excellent, the children in the chorus even brought tears to my eyes," commented Mr. Bush.

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Seasonal flood threat on the rise

Fortunately, Michigan escaped the severe flooding that has recently plagued the northwest and northeast sections of the country. However, according to the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, 13 flash floods and 14 other flood events did result in over a quarter million dollars damage in this state during the past year.

To focus attention on flood safety planning, Governor John Engler has declared March 24-30 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan. Residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with flood safety procedures.

At this time of year, the combination of rapidly melting snow and heavy spring rains can cause dramatic rises in streams and rivers, significantly increasing the threat of flooding. As the warm season progresses, heavy thunderstorm rains become more dominant, posing the additional threat of flash flooding for urban areas and small streams.

"Michigan can experience flooding any time of the year," George Hosek, a member of the committee said. "The most recent severe flooding events occurred in the spring of 1975 and the fall of 1986."

Residents should be aware that regular homeowners insurance policies do not cover damages which result from flooding. Coverage is available through a federal program, however, only about 10 percent of structures subject to flooding are actually insured against the risk.

Currently there are approximately 690 Michigan communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and 20,000 policies in force. To purchase flood insurance under the program, residents must live in one of those participating communities. Coverage can be obtained through most licensed property/casualty insurance agents. To determine if flood insurance is available in a community, call NFIP at 800-638-6620.

Under the NFIP, a flood is defined in part, as "a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from overflow of inland or tidal waters or

from the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source." In the standard flood insurance policy, direct physical losses by "flood" are covered. Also covered are losses resulting from erosion caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or erosion accompanied by a severe storm, flash flood, abnormal tidal surge or the like. Damage caused by mudslides as specifically defined in the policy are covered.

Losses from water seepage, sewer backup, or hydrostatic pressure are covered only when they occur in con-

junction with a general condition of flooding.

In addition to obtaining adequate insurance protection, residents should take the following precautions in anticipation of flooding:

- Learn the best route from your home or place of business to high, safe ground in case you have to evacuate in a hurry.
- Prepare and maintain a list of personal property to substantiate losses covered by insurance.
- Familiarize household members with turn-off procedures for gas and electricity.

Future uncertain for local adult education program

**By Molly J. Gudritz
Capital News Service**

Changes in the 1996-97 state budget could mean severe cuts in adult education for Grayling residents.

Total state funding for adult education will be cut from \$185 million to \$65 million annually.

Under these cuts, \$50 million from programs throughout the state would be distributed instead next year to local "Workforce Development Boards."

The boards would be appointed by local officials to oversee job-training programs. Boards would receive money based on the number of adults without a high school diploma in their areas.

Communities with large adult education populations should not be greatly affected by these cuts, said Maureen McNulty, spokesperson for the Department of Management and Budget.

"Programs throughout the state will compete for money," McNulty said. "The best programs will get the best results."

One of the main goals of the new proposal is to ensure money set aside for adult education is used strictly for academic purposes.

"Right now, there are some communities that subsidize enrichment programs for their residents," McNulty said. "Those that aren't doing this, should not have these programs affected by the cuts."

Gov. John Engler has cited abuses in the adult education program as one of the main reasons for the cuts.

State audits in the 1980s revealed an "over-reporting" of adult education attendance numbers. Some districts also were found subsidizing K-12 education rather than improving adult education programs with funds.

"None of this was happening up here," said Kent Reynolds, superintendent of Crawford-AuSable Community Schools. "All the money we had went to a great program."

"There are many concerns about the privatization of adult and community education," Reynolds said. "I understand the purpose behind the cuts, but a lot of that doesn't relate to northern Michigan."

Michigan is leading the nation in per capita spending on adult education, but the percentage of Michigan residents with a high school diploma or General Equivalency Degree (GED) is not much above the national average.

"It's a serious blow to a community like Grayling, when the Legislature feels we have an inefficient program," Reynolds said.

Both Reynolds and Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, agree that the adult education program has benefitted the community.

"It's been a good program," Lowe said. "It's helped get many people off welfare."

The program offers much more to the community than many residents are aware of.

"Our adult education program is of vital importance to the quality of life in our community," Reynolds said.

Adult education in Crawford-AuSable serves a number of different purposes, many of which do not generate funds for the program, Reynolds said.

Besides adult completion programs, GED preparation and enrichment classes, the program organizes cultural events such as bringing the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club to Grayling, and computer literacy training for community businesses.

The new cuts should be implemented by the end of June, Lowe said, if the Legislature approves the Engler plan.

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Kirtland to hold blood drive March 25

Kirtland's Student Nurse Association will co-sponsor a community blood drive Monday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the community service room in the student center on the Kirtland campus.

The drive is being staged in conjunction with the American Red Cross, Great Lakes Region which supplies blood to scores of hospitals in Michigan. The drive is open to blood donations from students, faculty, employees of the college, and from residents of the Kirtland district, which includes all of Crawford, Roscommon, Oscoda and Ogemaw counties.

Denise Riehle, chairperson of the

Student Nurse Association's task force planning the event, said association members will assist Red Cross personnel throughout the day in operating the drive, helping to greet and register donors and perform other tasks.

Riehle said the drive's goal is to collect 60 pints of blood. She said that volunteer blood donors are the only source of blood products for hospital patients. Some of the uses for blood components through transfusion therapy include packed red cells for anemic patients; platelet concentrates to control bleeding in leukemic patients; and, plasma to help make derivatives

for several other patient treatments.

She also pointed out that you cannot contract the HIV virus or any other infectious disease by donating blood. "Giving blood is safe and easy," said Riehle, "and, it takes only a short time. If you're 17 years of age or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and are generally in good health, then you're eligible to be a donor."

Donors may make an early reservation by calling Carol Marquardt, Health Occupations Office, (517) 275-5121, ext. 281. If you are over 20 years of age, you can also get a free home cholesterol test kit.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: If you wish to be happy, let me tell you the way: don't live tomorrow 'till you've lived today.

Some up-coming things for the weeks ahead: Card parties on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and play bridge, euchre, pinochle, etc. (They have two bridge tables and are hoping for a third

or fourth table!); Fridays—Coffee Klatsch at 10 a.m. All seniors are invited to attend. Sit and chat with your friends and neighbors and get a chance to find out what the folks think about anything that is on their mind. It's fun and informative, too!

Baggo-cardo game at 3 p.m. on the 20th, as well as the COA board meeting

at 5:30 p.m.; Tina dance on March 26, at 12:30 p.m., and a sweatshirt contest at 5:30 on the 27th; BPs taken on the 28th, and the "OTL" (Out to lunch gang) goes to Kalkaska on the 29th. Sign up or call in your reservation; the bus leaves at 10:45 and the cost is \$5 and you are responsible for your lunch donation. We plan on staying over for an hour for some bingo at their place.

A special note on our Easter dinner: Tuesday, April 2, at 5 p.m., with dancing afterwards. We are serving cherry-glazed ham, au gratin potatoes, Easter veggies, salad, rolls and your choice of pie! Suggested donation for seniors remains at \$1.50, and cost for juniors is \$3. Call for reservations at 348-7123.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, and it is really the best deal in town! \$1.50 donation for seniors, and the charge for those under 60 is \$3. We can always take a few walk-ins—but for the most part, try and call ahead, 348-7123. Meals are served at 12 noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, and 12 noon only on Fridays.

Lunch/Dinner
March 20—Salisbury Steak/Baked Ham;
March 21—BBQ Chicken/Goulash;
March 22—Roast Beef/No Dinner;
March 23—Beef Stew/Pork Chops;
March 24—Liver & Onions/Spaghetti & Meatballs;
March 25—Kielbasa & Kraut/BBQ Chicken;
March 26—Salmon Patties/Meatloaf;
March 27—BBQ Beef/No Dinner.

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Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

Turkey time!

The weather is beginning to moderate at last. It feels good to have some spring in the air. Turkey permits should be out this week. Then we can start getting ready for that season, get out the old calls and check them out. Maybe get out and take a ride to see if you can locate some big toms.

A few sketchy reports of early steelhead are starting to drift in. Many of the streams are open all year, others open April 1. There are some fish in the lower Platte and also the Betsie River.

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HELP, I'M LOST--This rooster pheasant is slightly out of his element in the snow. He recently visited Avalanche Associate Publisher Whitey Madsen at his home on Ingham St. Being the good reporter he is, Whitey snapped several pictures of the bird before he flew on to greener pastures.

Alma Kiltie band to perform at GHS

On Tuesday evening, March 26, the Crawford AuSable Community Education program, in partnership with area businesses and corporations, is pleased to present the Alma Kiltie Band.

The band, under the direction of Douglas Scripps, will feature selections written by such notables as Clifton Williams, Drew Duncan, John Philip Sousa, Richard Wagner, N. Rimsky-Korsakov, Frederick Loewe, and the Dixieland Band.

A Michigan native, Scripps is a professor at Alma College, where he conducts the Alma Symphony and two of the college's four bands, and lectures in conducting and music literature. He is also the music director for Grand Rapids Ballet, and in that capacity conducts the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, which he served from 1976-1985, as associate conductor, and principal trumpet in the 60s.

Scripps holds degrees from Calvin College and the University of

Michigan. He also studied at the Eastman School of Music and the Vienna (Austria) Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, where he was a pupil of Hans Swarowsky.

Scripps has taught at Grand Rapids Community College, Calvin, Central Michigan University, and is in his 11th year at Alma. He is married to Menlee Collins and has five children and a grandson.

Doors to the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School, will open at 6:45 p.m., for the 7:30 p.m. concert. Tickets may be purchased, at \$4 for adults and \$3.50 for students and seniors, by calling the Community Education box office at 348-7641, extension 551 days, or 123 evenings. Tickets will also be available at the door. The Crawford AuSable Community Education Cultural Events series is made possible with the generous support of many area businesses and corporations.

Olestra, the latest in fat substitutes

In the near future, you will probably begin seeing potato chips and other snack foods with this information on the label:

"This product contains olestra. Olestra may cause abdominal cramping and loose stools. Olestra inhibits the absorption of some vitamins and other nutrients. Vitamins A, D, E and K have been added."

Olestra was approved for use as a fat substitute in snack foods by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in January 1996. Olestra is formed by chemically combining sugar and fatty acids in a way that makes it pass through the intestines without being absorbed. Snack foods made with

olestra will be lower in fat and calories than snacks made with other fats. For example, one ounce of regular potato chips has 10 grams of fat and 150 calories. Chips made with olestra will have zero grams of fat and 70 calories.

Olestra, however, can produce uncomfortable side effects in some people, such as abdominal cramps and loose stools. It can also prevent certain nutrients from being absorbed and used by the body.

Critics have charged that eating foods with olestra may be risky and that the FDA should not have approved its use. The FDA says it evaluated more than 150,000 pages of data from more than 150 studies and sought

advice from outside experts on its Food Advisory Committee. In approving olestra, the FDA determined that it is safe for use in certain snacks, but it is requiring the manufacturer to conduct studies on its consumption and the long-term effects. All foods containing olestra will carry the warning label.

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Forensic team heads to district competition

The Grayling Forensic team placed third out of 28 teams Feb. 3, at the Chesaning Novice Invitational.

Individual medal winners were:

Informative
Josh Mueller, fifth place
Angela Fisher, fourth place
9/10 Oratory
Jill Ryther, first place
Amie Price, third place
Poetry
Anthony Renon, first place
9/10 Prose
Colin Hunter, fourth place
Storytelling
Gina Rosi, second place
Duo
Danielle McClanahan and Amanda Fortino, second place

Five members of the Grayling Forensic team reached the semi-finals at Beaverton High School on Feb. 10.

Broadcasting
Brie Blaauw
Poetry
Anthony Renon
Informative
Josh Mueller
9/10 Oratory
Kristin Kearney
Sales
Sarah Medler
Medalists were Kristin Kearney,

third place; Josh Mueller, fifth place and Sarah Medler, sixth place.

The Grayling Forensic team traveled to the Saginaw Nouvel Invitational on Feb. 17. Seven events reached the finals.

Duo
Aman/Erica Hinkle
9/10 Oratory
Kristin Kearney
Sales
Steve Moon
Informative
Josh Mueller
Prose 9/10
Evan Glicker
Colin Hunter
Poetry
Anthony Renon

Receiving medals were Kristin Kearney, third; Josh Mueller, fifth; and Evan Glicker, first.

The forensic team hosted the First Annual Viking Forensic Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 24. Lake City finished in first place with 95 points, Grayling finished in second with 78 points with Traverse City coming in third with 75 points.

Traverse City St. Francis, Roscommon, Gaylord, Fairview and Elk Rapids were the other participants in the day's events.

Individual medal winners for Grayling were:

Broadcasting
Brie Blaauw, first place
Mark Gingerick, second place
Duo
Justin Raddatz/Tristin Williams, third place
9/10 Oratory
Bridget Black/Angela Case, fourth place
Informative
Josh Mueller, first place
Mary Bobenmoyer, fifth place
Impromptu
Brandi McClain, third
Multiple
Darci Trudgeon/Colby Davis/Christie Duncley, fourth place

Poetry
Anthony Renon, second place
Jesse Hannum, fourth place
Prose 9/10
Evan Glicker, second place
Prose
Erica Hinkle, first place
Sales
Steve Moon, second place
Scott Bowers, third place
Nate Brody, fourth place
Grayling finished the day with a total of 15 medals, three of which were first place finishes.

On March 7, the forensic team traveled to Traverse City St. Francis to compete against 14 other schools.

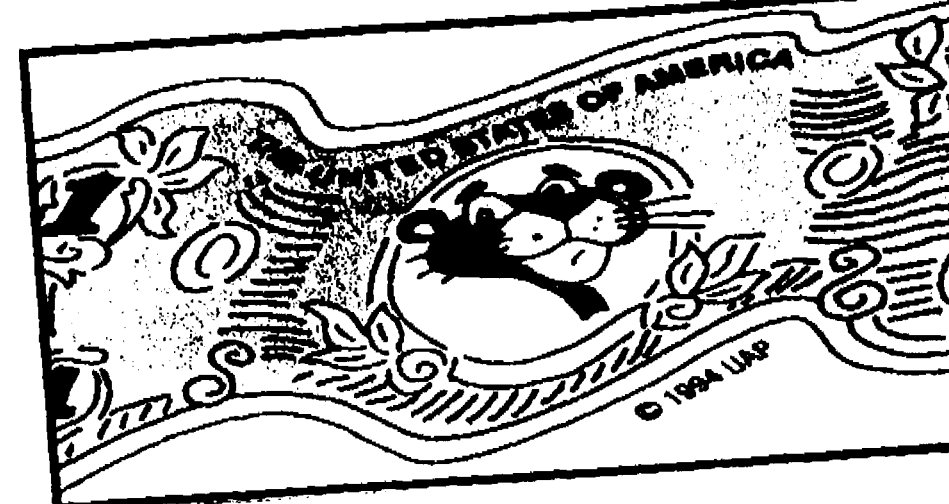
The Vikings placed second, just .15 points out of first place with a score of 8.15 to Lake City's 8.30.

Nine Viking's reached the finals with the following results:

Broadcasting
Brie Blaauw, first place
Mark Gingerick, seventh place
Sales
Sarah Medler, second place
Steve Moon, third place
Prose 9/10
Colin Hunter, third place
Prose Open
Erica Hinkle, third place
Poetry
Anthony Renon, second place
Jesse Hannum, fourth place
Oratory 9/10
Kristin Kearney, first place
Informative
Josh Mueller, third place
Duo
Justin Raddatz/Tristin Williams, third place

District competition will be held at Fairview High School on Tuesday, April 9.

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If you received Social Security benefits while working in 1995, and earned above the annual limit, you need to report your earnings to Social Security no later than April 15. The 1995 limits were \$8,160 for people under 65, and \$11,280 for people 65-69. If you were age 70 for the entire year, the earnings limits do not apply to you.

If you are self-employed, it's time for you to report your earnings and pay Social Security tax with your income tax return by April 15. If you operate a trade, business, or profession,

either by yourself or as a partner, and have actual net earnings of \$400 or more this year, you must report your earnings on Schedule SE.

If you are eligible for Part B of Medicare, you have until March 31, to sign up for Part B during the annual enrollment period. Part B, also called "medical insurance," helps pay for doctor's services, outpatient hospital care, and other medical services. If you did not enroll when you were first eligible, your Medicare Part B premium will be 10 percent higher than the basic monthly premium for each 12-month period you were eligible but not enrolled. The next open-enrollment period will begin in January 1997.

If you employ others to work around the house, you should remember that you should report their wages on your

federal income tax return by April 15, if you paid them wages of at least \$1,000 during the year. Workers under age 18 are exempt unless household employment, including babysitting, is their main occupation. If you have questions about reporting household employment and paying the Social Security taxes, call the Internal Revenue Service's toll-free number, 1-800-829-1040.

You can get more information 24 hours a day by calling Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. You can speak to a service representative between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on business days. The lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so if your business can wait, it's best to call at other times. Whenever you call, have your number handy.

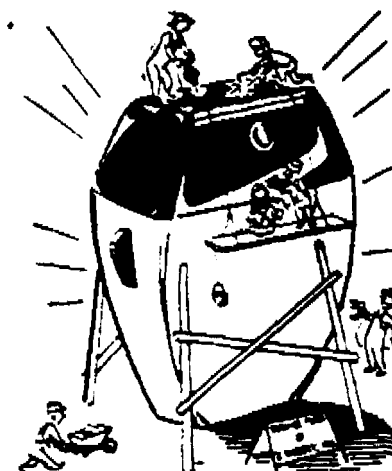
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By Fay Bovee

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Carl and Rose Hatfield spent 16 days in France, where they visited her sister and husband, Teresa and Bernard Genet in Paris. The Genet's children and spouses also came to visit while they were there. The Hatfields spent one week on the English Channel with the Genets at their summer home. The weather was very good and flowers were starting to bloom already.

Doria Rose Goll, 2-month-old

daughter of Dena Bovee and Bruce Goll of Dublin, Ohio, was christened at the Sunday morning worship service, March 17, at the Stony Creek United Methodist Church near Ypsilanti, by the Rev. Douglas Olsen. She wore the christening gown of her great-grandmother, Katherine Hammer Bovee. This is the area where the families had settled when they came to Michigan in the mid-19th century, and some of the family are buried directly behind the original Methodist Church. Reading the liturgy for the service was a distant cousin of Robert Bovee, who is a member of the church, Virginia Davis of Ypsilanti. Godparents for Doria Rose were Kevin and Kimberly Ball of Hilliard, Ohio. Attending were Robert and Fay Bovee of Grayling, Wilbur and Doris Goll of Shawnee, Kansas, and William and Joanne Zimmerman of Livonia. A brunch was held afterwards at the Marriott near Ypsilanti.

Free blood sugar checks to be given at Mercy

For the nearly 7 million Americans who have diabetes and don't know it, March 26 could represent a turning point in their lives.

On this day, free blood sugar checks are being offered on an appointment basis at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Rhonda Haske, R.N., certified diabetes educator, is taking part in a nationwide public awareness campaign to identify those at risk for the disease.

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Diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Because diabetes symptoms can develop gradually, they are often ignored. Currently, there is no cure for diabetes, but proper treatment can control blood-sugar levels and help prevent or delay diabetes-related complications.

Registration has begun for 4-H Exploration Days 1996

Registration has started for Exploration Days 1996. From June 19-21, Michigan State University (MSU) will host its annual state youth development conference that attracts over 3,000 participants. Anyone 12 or older should plan to attend this annual event at MSU. You do not have to be a member of 4-H to attend.

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or grow veggies, flowers, herbs and fruit from seed.

The club will be held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and there will be a \$5 registration fee. The first meeting will be on Thursday, April 18, at the fairgrounds.

Enrollment is limited, so call now to register, at the Crawford County Extension at 348-2841, ext. 264. Registration deadline is April 10.

Empire Bank seeking nominees for Good Neighbor Award

Empire National Bank announced recently that it is soliciting nominees for its eighth annual Good Neighbor Award.

The award is given to individuals or couples who have either given five years of continuous service or shown commitment to a non-profit organization or institution. The nominee cannot serve in an elected position, nor can they receive any compensation for their work. They must also not have had prior public recognition of their service.

Five individuals or couples will be

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HONORS LIST

Kirtland Community College President Dorothy N. Franke, Ph.D.,

recently announced the names of 40 students who have been selected to appear on the president's honor list for fall, 1995, and 81 others who were selected for the dean's honor list.

Students named to the president's honor list are full-time (12 credit hours or more) students whose semester grade-point averages are between 3.800 and 4.000, and are considered to have achieved excellent performance. Local students named to this list are Bonnie Brewer, Kimberly Furstenau, Donna Galvani, Brenda Graham, Lisa Richie, Lynne Rochette, and Nicole Sloan, all of Grayling.

Full-time students whose grade-point averages are between 3.400 and 3.799, are placed on the dean's honor list, and are considered to have achieved above-average performance. Local students named to the list are Deborah Adams, Jennifer Evans, Marcia Koppa, Dayna Owen, Norman Poil, and Joshua Wells, all of Grayling.

"We are very proud of these students," said President Franke. "Their academic achievements represent a tremendous amount of work and study and dedication, and we feel their respective home communities should join in celebrating their success."

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White PINE (transplants)	2-1	\$310	\$186	\$56	\$34	\$20	-----	-----		
Blue SPRUCE	8-14"	\$135	\$81	\$25	\$15	\$9	-----	-----		
Blue SPRUCE (transplants)	2-1	\$285	\$171	\$51	\$31	\$19	-----	-----		
Norway SPRUCE	8-14"	\$135	\$81	\$25	\$15	\$9	-----	-----		
Norway SPRUCE (trans.)	2-1	\$285	\$171	\$51	\$31	\$19	-----	-----		
White SPRUCE	8-14"	\$135	\$81	\$25	\$15	\$9	-----	-----		
White SPRUCE (trans.)	2-1	\$285	\$171	\$51	\$31	\$19	-----	-----		
HARDWOOD TREES										
White BIRCH	18-24"	\$310	\$186	\$56	\$34	\$20	-----	-----		
American CHESTNUT	12-24"	(Includes shelters)			\$12/pr.		-----	pr.		
Red MAPLE	18" +	\$255	\$153	\$46	\$28	\$17	-----	-----		
Sugar MAPLE	18" +	\$305	\$183	\$55	\$33	\$20	-----	-----		
Red OAK	12-18"	\$260	\$156	\$47	\$28	\$17	-----	-----		
White OAK	12-18"	\$335	\$200	\$60	\$36	\$22	-----	-----		
Hybrid POPLAR	24-36"	\$315	\$189	\$57	\$34	\$20	-----	-----		
WILDLIFE SHRUBS										
Autumn Olive	24" +	\$235	\$141	\$42	\$25	\$15	-----	-----		
Elderberry	18-24"	\$385	\$231	\$69	\$41	\$25	-----	-----		
Roselow CRAB	18-24"	\$335	\$200	\$60	\$36	\$22	-----	-----		
Grey DOGWOOD	12-24"	\$210	\$126	\$38	\$23	\$14	-----	-----		
Red Osier DOGWOOD	12-24"	\$210	\$126	\$38	\$23	\$14	-----	-----		
Silky DOGWOOD	12-24"	\$210	\$126	\$38	\$23	\$14	-----	-----		
Highbush							-----	-----		
CRANBERRY	6-12"	\$185	\$111	\$33	\$20	\$12	-----	-----		
Honeysuckle	12-18"	\$155	\$93	\$28	\$17	\$10	-----	-----		
Common LILAC	24" +	\$285	\$171	\$51	\$31	\$19	-----	-----		
Serviceberry	12-24"	\$335	\$200	\$60	\$36	\$22	-----	-----		
Washington							-----	-----		
HAWTHORNE	18-24"	\$385	\$231	\$69	\$41	\$25	-----	-----		
WILDLIFE TREES										
Apple (w/shelters)	4-6 ft.	(1 Red Max & 1 Empire)			\$22/pr.		-----	pr.		
Mt. ASH	18" +	\$235	\$141	\$42	\$25	\$15	-----	-----		
RUSSIAN Olive	18-24"	\$335	\$200	\$60	\$36	\$22	-----	-----		
CONTAINERIZED										
Red Pine	\$30/box	(approx. 170 seedlings per box)					-----	-----		
Jack Pine	\$33/box	(approx. 215 seedlings per box)					-----	-----		
Blue Spruce	\$32/box	(approx. 170 seedlings per box)					-----	-----		
White Spruce	\$33/box	(approx. 190 seedlings per box)					-----	-----		
NOTE: To order containerized by the thousand, please call.										
PLANTING DIBBLES	(spades)	\$25.00 each					-----	-----		
Tree Marking FLAGS	(Bundles of 25)	\$3.00/bundle					-----	-----		
TERRA SORB	(root moisturizer)	\$2.00 pkt. (treats 1850 seedlings)					-----	-----		
TREE SHELTER TUBES	24" @ \$1.00 each						-----	-----		
	48" @ 2.00 each						-----	-----		
WILDFLOWER SEED	1 oz. pkt. (100 sq. ft.)	\$3.00 each					-----	-----		
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Friday, March 22 - Thursday, March 28

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T H E A T R E

Full-time students whose grade-point averages are between 3.400 and 3.799, are placed on the dean's honor list, and are considered to have achieved above-average performance. Local students named to the list are Deborah Adams, Jennifer Evans, Marcia Koppa, Dayna Owen, Norman Poil, and Joshua Wells, all of Grayling.



SIBS FOR KIDS MAKE A NEW MATCH — The Crawford-Roscommon Sibs for Kids made a new match, February 2, with Brian Johnson and Michael Yost of Grayling.

Brian is employed at Gannon Broadcasting. He enjoys fishing, bowling, playing guitar, hunting, camping and reading.

Michael, 10, attends Grayling Middle School and enjoys fishing and bowling, along with amusement rides, collecting rocks and shells.

Brian and Michael attended the Sibs for Kids annual splash party at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Brian stated he and Michael have been doing some rollerblading and are planning to go bowling soon.

If you are interested in being an adult volunteer, contact Lorrie at the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau at 348-2844, ext. 262.



SIBS FOR KIDS SPLASH PARTY — The Crawford-Roscommon County Sibs for Kids, a program of the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau, had a great turn out on Sunday, March 3, for their annual splash party. The party was held at the Grayling Holiday Inn. The members spent over two hours enjoying the pool, ping pong tables, spa, sauna and shuffleboard.

Sibs for Kids matches children in need of adult role models with adult volunteers. The requirements of the adult volunteer in an 1-year minimal commitment to make regular contact with a child, by phone or in person, with at least one personal contact every four to six weeks. The program coordinator prepares a business sponsorship package for each match with discounts and coupons from local businesses. The program hosts four annual group activities for the members to participate. It doesn't require a lot of time or money to be an adult volunteer.

Pictured above is Melissa Boillard (R) and Gretchen Reiser (L) playing ping pong during the splash party.

The current waiting list consists of two girls and six boys in Roscommon County and one girl and two boys in Crawford County. If you are interested in becoming an adult volunteer, contact Lorrie at 348-2844, ext. 262 for an application.

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HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: I was cooking the other day when the phone rang and I forgot to turn off the heat. I almost had a fire. Can you suggest fire-safety precautions that I can use?

Signed: Absent-Minded Cook

Answer: Cooking is the number-1 overall cause of home fires in this country. Usually these fires occur when pots and pans are left unattended on the stove. It's a good idea to know a few tips for safe cooking, as suggested by the National Fire Protection Association.

- Always keep an eye on food being heated. If the phone rings or you need to leave the kitchen momentarily, take along a spoon or potholder to remind you to get back to the kitchen quickly. The safest thing is to turn off the heat.

- Enforce a 3-foot kid-free zone around the stove and teach kids not to enter it.

- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves to cook and don't reach over the stove.

- Have plenty of fire-resistant pot holders.

- Turn pot handles inward.

- Keep stove tops clear. Don't store items on it or in it and don't let grease build up.

- Monitor hot oil; heat slowly with a pan lid close by.

- Don't stand in or near water when using electric appliances. Repair worn cords.

If a fire starts:

- If a pan fire starts, slide on a lid and turn off the burner. Don't put water on it. Also, don't carry the pan outside or to the sink.

- If a pan fire starts in the oven, turn off the heat and keep door closed. In a microwave, push Stop and unplug. Keep door closed.

- If your clothing catches on fire, stop and drop to the ground and roll till flames are smothered.

- If you keep a fire extinguisher on hand, know how to use it properly.

Although cooking is the number-1 cause of home fires, the major cause of home-fire deaths is smoking.

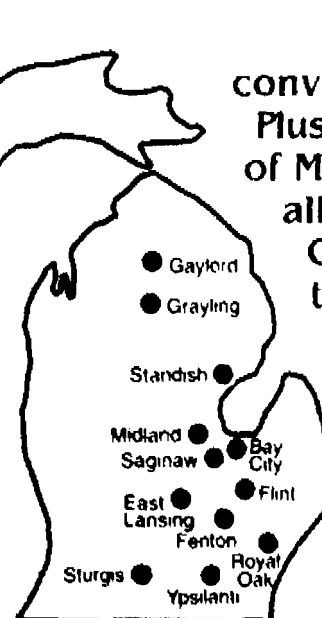
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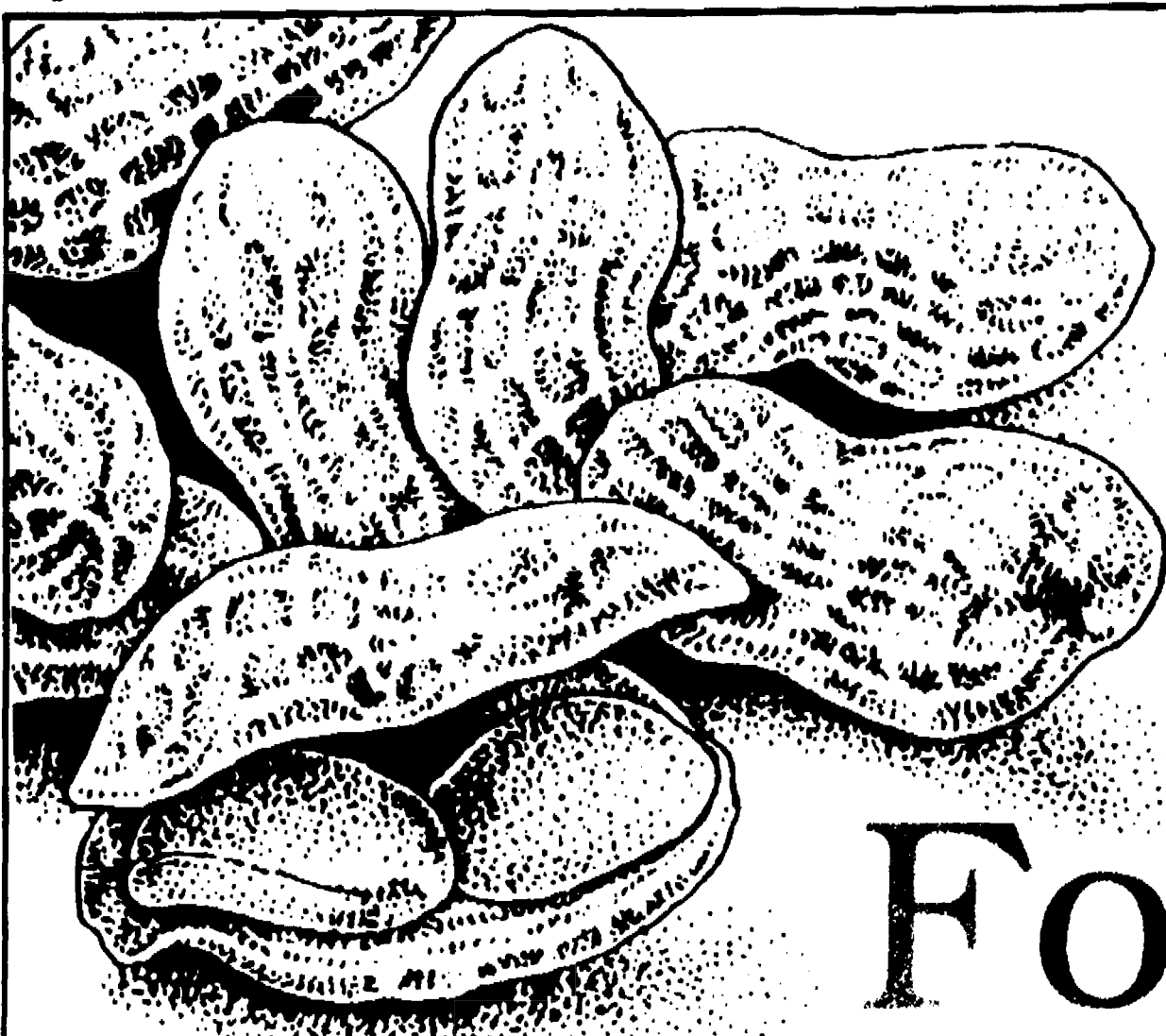
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OBITUARIES

Eleanor Hunter

Eleanor I. Hunter of Grayling, died Sunday, March 17, 1996, in Brooksville, Florida. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, March 21, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling. Friends may call at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, on Wednesday, from 7 to 9 p.m. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Avalanche.

Astrid Richardson

Astrid M. Richardson, 88, of West Branch, died Friday, March 15, 1996, at Bortz Health Care in Traverse City. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 19, at 1:30 p.m., at Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home, with Pastor David B. Penniman officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Mrs. Richardson had been a resident of Ogemaw County since 1947, and was a member of the Eastern Stars, Past Matron, West Branch.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Richardson, in 1984.

Survivors include: sons, Dennis and wife Sonda Richardson of Interlochen, Alan and wife Lucille Richardson of Gales Ferry, Connecticut, Paul and wife Barbara Richardson of Bremerton, Washington, and Glen and wife Marjorie Richardson of Richesha, Oregon; and sister, Lillian Houghton of Grayling.

Card of thanks

I inadvertently omitted the names of Jim's nieces, MarJean, Pam, Julie and Kim who helped organize the lovely dinner given after the funeral. Thank you girls, and to all who donated and helped.

Love,
Sharon Wakeley

Jane Robinson

Jane Elizabeth (Elden) Robinson, 49, formerly of Grayling, died Thursday, March 14, 1996, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, where she had been a patient for several weeks. Funeral services were held Monday, March 18, at 11 a.m. in the Clare Congregational United Church of Christ, with Rev. Margaret Vredeveloff officiating. Interment was in Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare.

Mrs. Robinson was born Nov. 22, 1946, the daughter of William Dexter and Elizabeth (Feighner) Elden. She graduated from Clare High School in 1965. On May 21, 1971, she married Wallace B. Robinson, who survives her.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Dexter Elden, and a son, Timmy, in 1982.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughters, Monda and husband Peter Kelly of Vermont, Stacy and husband Mark Taylor of Clarkson, and Tammy at home; sons, Wally Jr. of Vermont, Scott of Tampa, Florida, Jason and wife Tanya of Utica, and Jamie stationed in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; mother Elizabeth Elden of Clare; brother, Michael and wife Kris Elden of Edgerton, Ohio; sister, Ann and husband Keith Benmark of Clare; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice.

Card of thanks

Our family wishes to thank all of the people who have helped us out so much since our house fire. We feel truly blessed to have you all as friends. Thank you everyone for your concern and generosity.

The Quintano family:
John, Shelly, Josh and J.B.

Grayling High Players present *Arsenic and Old Lace*

The students from the GHS Drama Department will thrill and entertain their audiences when they perform Joseph Kesselring's *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

The play features the talent of seniors Sean Casey, Sarah Amman, Jack Beckwith and junior Jennifer Westie.

The cast also includes the talents of seniors Erica Hinkle, Andy Ignash and Dale Kniss; juniors Abby Chase and Jed Davis; sophomores Ravi Ramaswamy and Christina Kenney; and freshmen Jared Armstrong, Justin Raddatz, Evan Glicker and Anthony Renon.

The play is directed by David Glicker, who is assisted by junior Jodie Gay.

Arsenic and Old Lace is set in the early 1940s in the Brewster family's living room in Brooklyn, New York. The play is about a family that has a streak of insanity running through it.

The play will run March 20-23, and tickets cost \$4 at the door. It will begin 8 p.m., in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.



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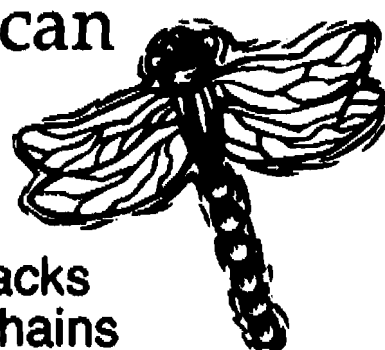
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NOTES NORTHERN

Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday March 21, 1996



Karl Golnick

Karl Golnick hits 30 years service with township fire department

Karl Golnick has been a volunteer fireman for the Grayling Fire Department for 30 years.

He started volunteering when he was driving a fuel truck in Crawford County. Seeing a fire truck with just two crewman, he would stop and help out until more help arrived.

"Fire trucks were always short-handed," said Golnick. One man would be operating the pump, the other the hose, so Golnick would help out on the hose.

It was scary, not being trained, said Golnick. Hoping he was doing the right thing and getting out of the way after more volunteers would arrive.

"It was a thrill, but it was a scary thrill, excitement," said Golnick. "Every fire you go on, you're always scared. You don't let it overcome you. You still go in there and do your job."

His brother, a volunteer on the fire

department, encouraged him to join since he was already helping out. Thirty years ago, on March 21, Golnick became an official member of the volunteer fire department.

"Hopefully I can put a few more years in," said Golnick.

When he first came on the department, there were 15 volunteers and they covered three-fourths of the county. Since then, new departments have sprung up like Beaver Creek, South Branch and Lovells Township fire departments.

The biggest difference since becoming a volunteer is the equipment, said Golnick. He remembers having to carry a torch to keep the pumper from freezing when fighting fires in weather with temperatures reaching 15, 20 below zero.

"It takes a different type of character to walk into a burning house," said

Golnick. "Being a fireman is like a police officer, not everyone can do it. It's not as simple as it looks."

The members of the department meet every Monday night for 2-3 hours, to discuss strategies, check equipment and get the trucks ready to roll for the next fire.

The department uses every fire they go to as a training exercise. After the fire, at the weekly meeting, strategies are discussed. What worked, what didn't, what should and shouldn't have been done. In the past, the department was able to burn houses for training purposes. Golnick said that is one of the best methods for training.

"Each fire you go onto is different," he said. "It's like snowflakes. You never know if you are going to come back or not. It's a dangerous deal."

Golnick lives in Grayling with his wife, Karen. They have two children, John and Tina.

SECTION SPORTS

What are these men running from?



They're not running FROM anything, they're running FOR the preparation of the 1996 Grayling High School baseball season.

The Vikings should be tough this year with six seniors to lead the squad.

The season opener is April 11, at home, versus the Gaylord Blue Devils.

More pictures and a story on the '96 Vikings can be found on page 3B.

ART WORKS COMPLETED BY LOCAL PICASSOS ON DISPLAY AT WENDY'S --

Wendy's of Grayling hosted a breakfast reception for area students and their parents whose works of art were chosen to be on display throughout the month of March. The students who have artwork on display are kindergarten students Bryan Galvani, Ethan Neuberger, Rocky McNamara; first grade students Rachel Potter, Glenn Hampton, Samantha Respecki, Abby Wheeler; second grade students Kara Longendyke, Chelsea VanNuck, Chelsea Wolcott, Desiree Felver, Wayne Cottrell, Ryan Feldhauser, Damon Scharer, William Coe, Sara Babbitt, George Hatfield; third grade students Jennifer Long, Ryan Schmidt, Tyler Cragg, Elizabeth Banda, Jackie Wakeley, Kara Paterson and fourth grade student Michael Rosen.

Pictures of animal cruelty are not pretty



IT'S MURDER, PLAIN AND SIMPLE--In the picture above, a goose lies dead and frozen on top of a makeshift shelter. The goose was one of more than a dozen animals left by their owners to starve and freeze to death. Authorities believe as the snow melts, many more animals could be found. The tragic scene was discovered at a house (right) just east of Stephan Bridge Road on M-72.





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For ticket information, or if you wish to make a reservation, please contact the Kirkland Ticket Office at 517-275-6777

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GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Holiday Inn 63—Jay Mertes 18, Hamlin 17, Simons 10, Madill 6, Weaver 6, Dean 4, Smith 2; Fox Const./Hinkle RE/MAX 56—Donahoe 16, R. Tobin 14, Fox 13, J. Tobin 6, Burrell 3, Swope 2, Croze 2.

Patti's/Camp Grayling 65—Junttila 15, White 13, Doremire 11, Bonamie 9, Cooper 6, Dannenburg 5, Trudgeon 2, Latusek 2; Weyerhaeuser 58—Hull 21, Trenary 11, Grant 10, Dandy 9, Ruddy 5, Leng 2.

Spike's 91—Patterson 29, Church 23, Potter 13, Thompson 12, T. Gardiner 5, Kolka 5, J. Gardiner 4; Big Boy/Sylvester's 66—Abney 34, Fortino 19, Malinowski 9, Harland 2, Ritter 2.

Tournament championship: Holiday Inn vs. Patti's/Camp Grayling—Spike's winner, Thursday, March 21, at 9 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League	
Legion	99
Plaza	83
Shoppes/agon's	79
Spike's	74

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Scheer Motors	27-17
Mickey Perez CPA	25-19
Fun-N-Sun Rental	25-19
Glen's Market	23-21
Cornell	23-21
North Country R.V.	18-26
Mark 8	18-26
Peterson Saw Service	17-27
High Game: K. Schmidt, 207, A. Mastej, 192, S. Hinds, 191, High Series: S. Hinds, 557, K. Schmidt, 518, D. Armstrong, 463.	

Senior Citizen League

Sylvester's	59-41
Bucilli's	56-44
Toten's Body Shop	54-46
Baynham	49-51
Cornell's	47-53
Flowers by Josie	47-53
Century 21	46-54
Larry & Joan's	42-58
Men's High Game: P. Mead, 198, F. Krolkowski, 196, B. Dandy, 182, Men's High Series: P. Mead, 559, F. Krolkowski, 509, T. McBride, 182.	
Women's High Game: D. Mead, 174, V. Johnson, 169, R. Stimpson, 167, Women's High Series: D. Mead, 470, V. Johnson, 459, R. Stimpson, 436.	

American Mens League

McLeans Hardware	17-4
BCI	14-7
Upper Lakes Tire	14-7
Red Barn	12-9
Stitches by Sue	11-10
Rod's Auto Body	9-12
Auto Parts	5-16
Fenton's Auto Service	2-19
High Game: L. Davis, 227, M. Keir, 223, L. Davis, Jr., 218, High Series: L. Davis, Jr., 599, L. Davis, 573, D. Canfield, 564.	

Thursday Coffee League

Glen's Market	30
Lone Pine	29-5

Johnson's Survey

Wakeley's	24
Bucilli's	22
AuSable Construction	22
Plaza Bar	20-5
Shady Acres	18
High Game: T. Papendick, 238, E. Helsel, 196, A. Mahey, 179, High Series: T. Papendick, 523, S. France, 486, E. Helsel, 480.	

Sunday Night Mixed Doubles

Us & Them	30-14
CSI	29-15
Glen's Market	28-5-15-5
Robbier Const.	21-5-22-5
M.A.D.S.	20-24
Computer Services	16-28
All Seasons Drywall	16-28
Mac's Drugs	15-29
Men's High Game: L. Helsel, 225, M. Summer, 217, R. Hinds, 211, Men's High Series: M. Summer, 556, D. Canfield, 550, R. Hinds, 531.	
Women's High Game: S. Phillips, 192, S. France, 190, S. Rioux, 188, Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 513, S. France, 501, S. Phillips, 499.	

Pioneer League

Aunt Betty's	27-9
Eagles	21-15
Chemical Bank	20-16
Custom Interior	20-16
Millikin's	20-16
Avalanche	13-23
Mercy Hospital	12-24
M&M Crafts	11-25
High Game: S. France, 215, L. Golinick, 200, M. Perez, 198, High Series: S. France, 537, L. Golinick, 521, M. Perez, 520.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Mother Auto Repair	38-14
No Fear	29-23
Advance Collision	28-24
A. Bulldog Towing	27-25
Cedar Motel	27-25
Aunt Betty's	20-32
A.H. Rental & Repair	20-32

Northwood League

House of Cabinets	31
Wakeley's Auto Parts	30
Millikin's	29
Subway	25
Rich's Cycle Service	24
Patti's Towne House	20
Stitch-In-Time	18
Pearls & Lace	15
High Game: S. Romain, 191, M. Miller, 182, K. Schmidt, 181, High Series: S. Romain, 518, M. Miller, 514, K. Schmidt, 505.	

National League

Forrest Bros. Inc.	30
Budweiser	24
Breakers Steak House	24
Moore's Automotive	23
House of Cabinets	21
Carquest	19
Guns & Grub	18
City Environmental	17
High Game: D. Walker, 261, S. Miller, 217, J. Kotrsh, 212.	
High Series: D. Walker, 573, C. Golinick, 552, M. Barr, 532.	

Triangle League

Spike's	14-6
Jackson Trio	12-8
Rosby Const.	12-8
Gripping Ford	10-10
Barber Const.	10-10
Dub & Dale's	8-12
JJ's Motor Mall	8-12
A. Bulldog Towing	6-14
High Game: J. Helsel, 233, B. Palmer, 229, D. Henning, 222, High Series: J. Helsel, 571, L. Davis, 550, D. Henning, 527.	

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Downhill Skiing Ends

Our winter ski season has ended. Thank you to all that made our season such a success. Please continue to watch for Hanson Hills' events this spring and summer.

Adult Co-ed Volleyball

Come join us on Thursday evenings, at 7:30 p.m., at the high school gym for adult co-ed volleyball. Everyone is welcome.

Breakfast With The Easter Bunny
Saturday, April 6, from 8:30 to 10:30

a.m. \$2 for children, and \$3 for adults.

Easter egg hunts by age group at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Volunteers and donations are still needed.

Equipment Swap

It's time to clean out those corners. Bring all of your used sports equipment to be sold on Friday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. Sale will be Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fifteen percent of sales will benefit Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Please, no downhill or cross-country ski equipment.

Thinking Ahead

April 6: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter egg hunt.
April 27: Equipment Swap.
May 4: Hanson Hills community clean-up.
May 7: Adult softball begins.
May 11: Kite day.
May 18: Youth softball begins.
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Viking boys prepare for diamond season



RETURNING LETTERMEN--(Above Right--Back L to R) Andy Perrin, Scott Hartman and Jason Thompson. (Front L to R) Jason Hatfield, Travis Weaver and Justin Eddy.



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Viking Baseball Coach Fred Wolcott has his 1996 team working hard in the Grayling gymnasium in preparation for the 1996 season opener.

The Vikings open their season on Thursday, April 11, in Grayling, against the Gaylord Blue Devils.

Wolcott has six returning lettermen in seniors Jason Thompson, Justin Eddy, Andy Perrin, Scott Hartman, Jason Hatfield and Travis Weaver.

New to the varsity this year are Eddy Baynham, Ben Haskel, Brad Larm, Aaron Perrin, Tim Andersen, Josh Schoen, Mike Knight and Jeff Hoffman.

"The competition will be tough this year," Wolcott said. "We should be sound defensively. The key will be our pitching."

Wolcott said the entire Great North-ern Conference, Huron Division will be tough this year, but said the cream of the conference and the team to beat will probably be Rogers City.

"We just want to get good sound pitching and defense," Wolcott said, "the wins will take care of themselves."

Two big hitters for the Vikings this year are expected to be Jason Thompson and Andy Perrin. Thompson hit .420 last year as a junior and said he

would be pleased if he could hit .500 this year. Perrin said he is hoping to hit .400.

Both Thompson and Perrin will double on the pitching mound and both said they would like to win 10 games this year.

"Our goal is to win the conference and a district championship," both Thompson and Perrin said.

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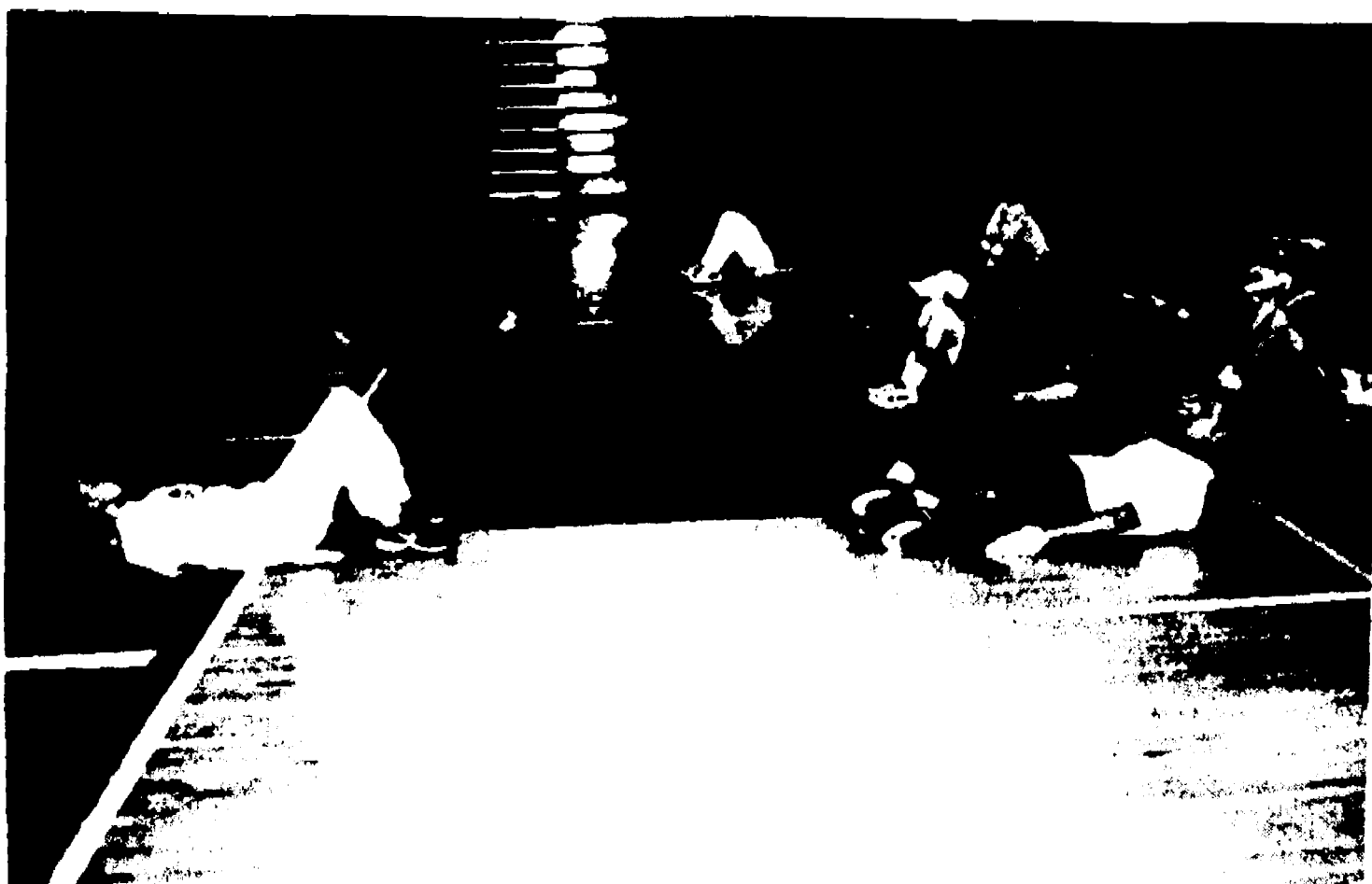
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GETTING IN SHAPE--The boys of the Viking varsity and junior varsity baseball squads are working hard to be in tip top physical condition for the 1996 Viking baseball season.

Local dance team invades area basketball games

The competition team from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance, from the advanced jazz class, recently performed for the pleasure of many at both Roscommon and Mio's half-time varsity basketball games. The team has been invited by the Palace to perform during half-time of a Pistons game.

To prepare for this exciting event, Louise Tournaud from the dance school, contacted local and surrounding high school athletic directors to give the girls a chance to perform at a sporting event. The team has competed at many dance competitions, but not in an athletic setting.



PRETTY DANCERS--(Bottom L to R) Brandi McClain, Jackie Murphy, Krista McDonald. (Second Row L to R) Jill St. Germain, Amanda Fortino, Heather Freeman. (Third Row L to R) Heather Lamoureux, Stacy Rider, Mandi Sinnaeve, Gretchen Brown, Allison Schoen. (Top) Ashley Longendyke.

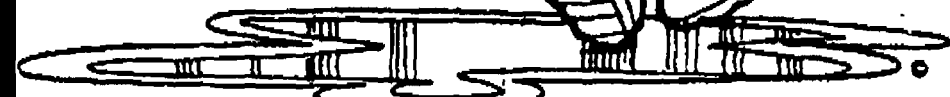
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Bike riding safety tips you forget to remember

They say you never forget how to ride a bike. That may be true, but statistics show that for children, at least, they may forget how to do it safely.

And that's where parents come in, now that summer beckons, and bicycles have taken over for skis and ice skates as the thing to do, according to AAA Michigan.

But bike riding can be dangerous when precautions are not observed or forgotten.

In 1994, the last year for which statistics are available, 17 bicyclists under age 15 died statewide, 59 percent of the 29 bike deaths recorded in Michigan that year. In the same time frame, 1,338 bicyclists 15 and under suffered injuries. Nationally, more than 500,000 children annually go to hospital emergency rooms or doctors' offices with bicycle injuries.

"Parents can play a crucial role by reminding children how to ride safely, what to do and what not to do," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan community safety services manager.

"By reminding their children of safe riding practices, they refresh their own memories, as bicycle riding is a popu-

lar recreation with adults."

The auto club suggests the following reminders for parents to pass on:

- Bike riders should always wear helmets. About 80 percent of bicycle deaths involve head injuries.
- Be cautious when entering roadways from driveways and alleys. Slow down, stop and look for traffic.
- Ride with traffic on the right-hand side of the street.
- Obey traffic signs and signals. Be extra careful turning left because motorists don't expect it. Give cars and pedestrians the right-of-way.
- Don't ride at night.
- Signal before turning and look before changing lanes.
- Wear light and bright-colored clothing so that drivers can see you.
- Avoid broken pavement, loose gravel and leaves, which can cause you to lose control of your bike.

But before the children take that ride, parents should inspect the bicycle to make sure the brakes and tires are in good condition.

Also, that the bike is sized properly. Sitting on the seat, a child should be able to balance the bicycle with the tips of their toes.

Kids Top Ten Bike Safety Tips



1. Always wear a bike helmet.
2. Stop and check traffic before riding into a street.
3. Don't ride at night.
4. Obey traffic signs and signals.
5. Ride on the right-hand side of the street.
6. Check brakes before riding.
7. Give cars and pedestrians the right-of-way.
8. Wear light or bright-colored clothing.
9. Be careful turning left—motorists may not see you.
10. Avoid broken pavement, loose gravel and leaves.

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FIN 340	Corporate Finance	Tuesday
MTH 336	College Algebra	Tuesday
PHL 302	Ethics	Tuesday
COM 122	College Writing II	Wednesday King
ECO 201	Macroeconomics	Wednesday
MGT 300	Principles of Management	Thursday Csapo
MKT 316	Sales Management	Thursday Palda
MTH 136	Fundamentals of College Math	Thursday Glaza

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Special Olympic hoopstars gear up for state tourney

It won't be long before we will be hearing the pounding of basketballs moving up court, the squeak of basketball shoes turning on the hardwood, and the cheering of excited basketball fans. Come and join the action and listen to these sounds resonate around gyms in the Grand Rapids area as Michigan Special Olympics athletes participate in the 1996 Michigan Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament.

When district competition is completed, some 1,200 athletes will be bound for the State Basketball Tournament March 22-24 in Grand Rapids. Competition sites for the tournament include East Grand Rapids High and Middle Schools, Forest Hills Northern Middle School, Beckwith Elementary and Cornerstone College. All events are open to the public at no charge.

Approximately 80 teams of children and adults will participate in the annual tournament, hosted once again by the Grand Rapids Jaycees. Approximately 100 additional participants are expected for individual skills competition, and another twenty-five for the modified skills contest. Other activities planned for the athletes include special events, movies, and a dance on Saturday night.

Tournament events kick off on Friday, March 22, with Opening Ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. in the East Grand Rapids High School gymnasium, followed by team competition. Team and individual skills competition and the modified skills contest take place

all day Saturday.

In addition to traditional Special Olympics team competition, eight Unified Sports teams will compete on Saturday. Unified Sports is an innovative program that combines athletes with and without mental retardation on the same teams. These Unified Sports teams promote inclusion and friendship on and off the court.

On Sunday, championship games will take place in East Grand Rapids High School, followed by Closing Ceremonies and awards presentations at 11:45 a.m. in the high school.

Michigan Special Olympics is a year-round sports training and athletic competition program for children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities. Michigan Special Olympics is headquartered on the campus of Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. For more information call 1-800-644-6404.

Winners announced at the GMS science fair

On Saturday, March 16, over 100 entries of the annual six through 12th grade science and art fair were displayed in the Grayling Middle School cafeteria.

In the sixth-grade division, taking first-place honors were "Can a needle float?" by Ashley Howden and Heather Miller; "How will a handkerchief burn when soaked with alcohol, water, and a combination of the two?" (video demonstration) by Travis LaMotte and Jim Thompson; and "How do factories clean their air?" by Jenny Feutz. All of the above were students in Mrs. Pummell and Mr. Austin's science class.

Taking second-place honors were: "What happens when you feed plants different liquids?" by Ann Hughes; "Do sixth grade students eat enough fiber?" by Rachel Ramaswamy; "How does heat circulate in liquid?" by Shalee Cox and Ashleigh Wolf; "Can we grow a stalactite in one week?" by Kirie Meyer and Rachael Evon; and "What makes a submarine rise and sink?" by Nick Hurd and Keil Clough.

Taking third-place honors were

"How do beavers build beaver dams?" by Jennifer Mastey and Gina Thompson; "How do the taste buds on a person's tongue work?" by Monica Hodgins and Bridgette Reed; "What becomes of repair shop hazardous waste materials such as used tires, waste oil, waste antifreeze, and used batteries?" by Katrina Bean and Mindi Collins; "Do bean seeds need air, water, and warmth to grow?" by Randy Ford; "How does hair dye affect different natural hair color types?" by Ryan Swope; and "What is heavier—hot or cold air?" by Justin Schreiber and Bobby VanNuck.

In the seventh- and eighth-grade division, first place was awarded to "How do you tell the difference between hard water and regular water?" by Danielle Outman and Gwen Seifert. Second-place honors went to "What training technique is most effective for improvement of vertical leaping ability for athletes?" by Kyle Langseth and Chris Youngblood.

In the ninth- through 12th-grade division, first place was awarded to "Can improved brake lights reduce

the stopping distance between cars?" by Tom Parrish and Rob Dent. Second place was awarded to "What are the characteristics of waves?" by Trisha Ormsbee and Melissa Brunskill. Taking third place was the project entitled "How do we see and how does the eye function?" by Spring Gates.

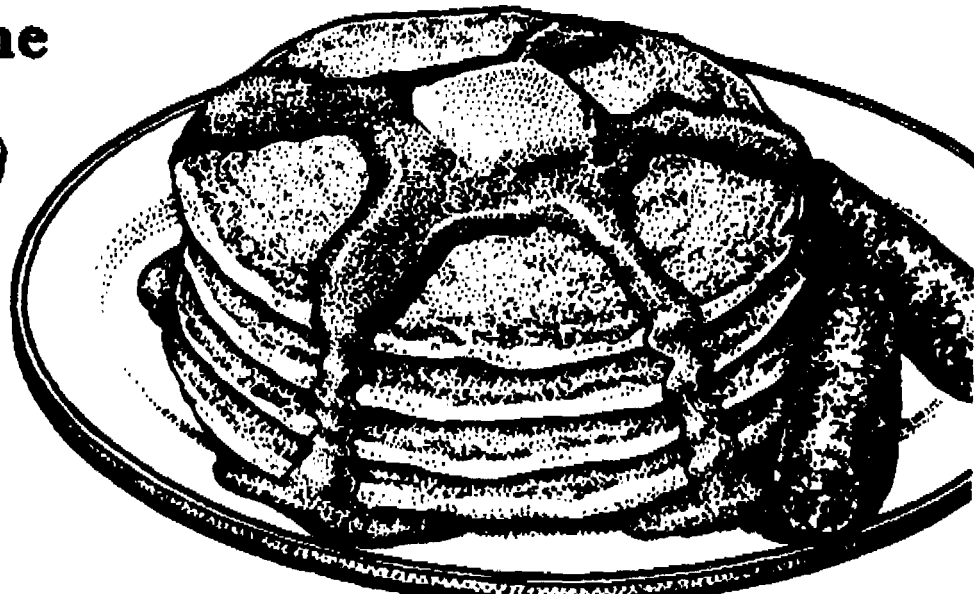
Honorable mentions for the entire sixth through 12th grade science and art fair were "How do beavers build beaver dams?" by Jennifer Mastey and Gina Thompson; "What becomes of repair shop hazardous waste materials such as used tires, waste oil, waste antifreeze, and used batteries?" by Katrina Bean and Mindi Collins; and "How does a volcano erupt?" by Warren Bindschattel and Nick Harmer.

The fair committee would like to congratulate the winners of this year's event, as well as all who participated. Students entering a project this year will receive a certificate of recognition for their portfolio. The committee would also like to recognize the extra effort put forth by sixth-grade science instructors Daniel Pummell and Larry Austin, and their students for turning out a large number of quality projects.

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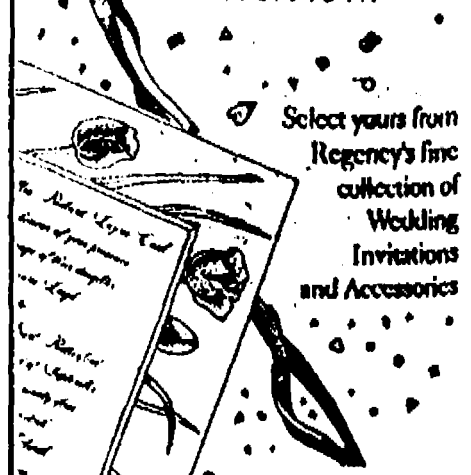
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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC																															
TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC																															
TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC																															
TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC																															
TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC																															
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TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC																															
TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC																															
TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWN 26 NORTH RANGE 4 WEST																															
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TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC																															
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TOWNSHIP OF MAPLE FOREST																			
TOWN 28 NORTH RANGE 3 WEST																			
669.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	871	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	896	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	904	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	964	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
670.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	872	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	897	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	905	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	965	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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672.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	874	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	899	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	907	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	967	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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674.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	876	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	901	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	909	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	969	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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677.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	879	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	904	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	912	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	972	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
678.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	880	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	905	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	913	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	973	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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681.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	883	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	908	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	916	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	976	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
682.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	884	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	909	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	917	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	977	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
683.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	885	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	910	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	918	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	978	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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688.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	890	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	925	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	926	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	983	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
689.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	891	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	927	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	928	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	984	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
690.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	892	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	929	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	930	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	985	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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692.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	894	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	933	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	934	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	987	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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694.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	896	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	937	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	938	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	989	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
695.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	897	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	939	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	940	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	990	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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699.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	901	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	947	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	948	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	994	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
700.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	902	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	949	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	950	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	995	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
701.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	903	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	951	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	952	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	996	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
702.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	904	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	953	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	954	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	997	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
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710.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	912	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	969	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	970	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	1005	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
711.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	913	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	971	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	972	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	1006	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
712.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	914	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	973	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	974	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	1007	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
713.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	915	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	975	062.028.004.020.00	1993	230.89	976	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72	1008	064.500.000.013.00	1993	405.72
714.01	TH S 88 DEG 22' 30" E 1/2 SEC 34	1993	26.95	916	062.003.001.040.01	1993	3151.59	977	062.028.004.020.00										

LEGAL ACTION

Sale No.	Description of Land	Tax Year	Sale Amount	Sale No.	Description of Land	Tax Year	Sale Amount
CITY OF GRAYLING				CITY OF GRAYLING			
ROFFEES ADDITION				ROFFEES ADDITION			
1051	070-200-011-011-00	1993	1566.39	1058	070-200-027-010-00	1993	1471.02
	W 1/2 OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLK. 11, ROFFEES S ADD.				LOT 10 BLK. 27 ROFFEES S ADD.		
		1993	1344.04	1059	070-200-028-005-00	1993	1286.39
1052	070-200-015-011-00				LOT 5 BLK. 28 ROFFEES S ADD.		
	LOTS 11 & 12, BLK. 15, ROFFEES S ADD.			1060	070-200-028-006-00	1993	28.70
		1993	2422.78		LOT 6, BLK. 28 ROFFEES S ADD.		
1053	070-200-020-005-00			1061	070-200-030-005-00	1993	129.08
	LOTS 5 & 6 BLK. 20 ROFFEES S ADD.				LOT 5 BLK. 30 ROFFEES ADDITION TO VILLAGE NOW CITY OF GRAYLING		
1054	070-200-022-005-00	1993	2184.00			1993	2505.18
	LOTS 5 & 6 BLK. 22, ROFFEES S ADD.			1062	070-200-030-006-00	1993	619.38
1055	070-200-024-003-00				LOT 6, BLK. 30, ROFFEES S ADD.		
	LOT 3, BLK. 24, ROFFEES S ADD.					1993	
1056	070-200-024-010-00	1993	1549.37				
	LOTS 10 & 11 BLOCK 24 ROFFEES ADD TO CITY OF GRAYLING						
		1993	839.02				
1057	070-200-025-001-00						
	LOT 1, BLK. 25, ROFFEES S ADD. & SE 1/4 OF LOT 2 BLK. 25						

Important Notice Relative To Delinquent Taxes

Because the list of Delinquent tax lands for tax sale advertising must necessarily be made up several months ahead of time in order to get it in the printer's hands, several descriptions are included in the Crawford County list on which taxes have been paid.

IF YOUR 1993 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 7, 1996, TAX SALE.

If you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 6, 1996.

We shall be glad to answer any other questions you may have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's Office.

Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE

Notice is hereby given by Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, 328 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan 48502 has made application with the Commissioner of the Michigan Financial Institutions Bureau for permission to consolidate with Second National Bank of Saginaw, 101 N. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607, National Bank of Royal Oak, 211 S. Center St., Royal Oak, Michigan 48067, State Bank of Standish, 120 N. Forest St., Standish, MI 48658, Second National Bank of Bay City, 701 Washington Ave., Bay City, MI 48708, and Grayling State Bank, 305 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 into a single bank, pursuant to Section 125 of the Michigan banking code of 1969, as amended, MCLA 487.425, with the resulting bank to operate under the charter and bylaws of Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank and under the

name of Citizens Bank. The resulting bank will be located at 328 S. Saginaw St., Flint, Michigan 48502. The application was accepted for filing by the Financial Institutions Bureau on March 5, 1996.

Any person who desires to protest the application must, pursuant to section 30 of the banking code of 1969, as amended, MCLA 487.330, MSA 23.710(30), file a written notice of protest with the Commissioner of the Financial Institutions Bureau, P.O. Box 30224, 333 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite A, Lansing, Michigan 48909, and with the Applicant not later than April 1, 1996.

The application is on file with the Commissioner and may be inspected during regular business hours.

This notice is published pursuant to section 30 of the banking code of 1969, as amended, being section 487.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, as amended by Act No. 524 of the Public Acts of 1978, which sets forth the procedures for processing applications and the manner in which protests may be made.

By: Thomas W. Gallagher
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel

NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Road/Stream Crossings Whirlpool and Mt. Frederic Roads The Road Commission For Crawford County Crawford County, Michigan

Sealed Proposals will be received from Contractors having current Michigan Department of Transportation prequalification, by The Road Commission For Crawford County, at the Road Commission office, 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 1 pm local time on Friday, March 29, 1996, at which time all proposals will be opened and read aloud.

The project consists of work at three separate locations. Two, of which, are on Mt. Frederic Road and one is at the end of Whirlpool Road. Work at the Mt. Frederic Road locations involve removing existing culverts, installing a 6'x12' precast concrete box culvert, and extending existing 36" culvert. Work at the Whirlpool Road location consists of replacing existing culverts with a 42"x29" pipe arch culvert. At all three sites there will be erosion control measures constructed and some minor road work.

The Instructions To Bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at The Road Commission For Crawford County offices, and also at the office of the Engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., P.O. Box 576, 12608 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720. Bidding documents may be purchased from the Engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$40.00 per set. The Michigan Department of Transportation Standard Specifications For Construction, 1990 edition, is also part of the contract.

Each Bidder shall file a statement signed by, or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association or corporation, has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. Failure to submit the signed statement as part of the bid proposal will result in rejection of the bid.

This is a Federal Aid Project under the provisions of Section 113 of Title 23 U.S.C., as amended by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968. The Davis-Bacon Act is applicable and requires the Secretary of Labor to determine the minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractor and Subcontractors, which rates will be given in detail in the proposal.

The MDOT Contractor prequalification work classification is 8E, 8Fa, or 8J. The project is subject to 60% limitation on Subcontracting.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal.

No bid may be withdrawn for thirty days after the bid opening date.

The Bidder to whom a contract is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond for 100 percent of the total contract amount.

The Road Commission For Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids in any manner deemed in its own best interest.

The Road Commission For Crawford County
Mr. James Briney, Managing Director

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 95-3587-CE
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP,
A Municipal Corporation
Plaintiff

vs.
BONNIE BARNES,
Defendant.
DOUGLAS C. DOSSON P26312
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 593
Roscommon, MI 48653

ORDER TO ANSWER ORDER

At a session of said Court held in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on this 4th day of March, 1996.

PRESENT: HONORABLE WILLIAM A. PORTER, Circuit Judge.

On the 8th day of June, 1995, an action was filed by GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, Plaintiff herein, against Defendant, BONNIE BARNES, in this Court involving a question of ownership

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Mike, Meyers, Beckett & Jones, P.L.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory J. Calkins and Beth Ann Calkins, husband and wife, mortgagors, of 6917 West Legner Trail #K, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to Old Kent Bank of Grayling, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee, dated January 10, 1994, recorded in the Office of Register of Deeds for Crawford County, on January 26, 1994, in Liber 372, Page 263, and assigned by mortgagee to Old Kent Mortgage Company, by an assignment dated January 14, 1994, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on January 26, 1994, in Liber 372, Page 269. Because of said default, the mortgagee has declared the entire unpaid amount secured by said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice, interest is claimed to be due for principal, interest at the rate of 7.125% per annum and expenses on said mortgage the sum of \$31,116.61. No suit or proceeding in law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest, as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan, on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 10:00 a.m.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as follows:

A part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26, North, Range 4 West: Commencing at the

of certain real property in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan being described as follows:

Lot Eighteen (18), RED WING TERRACE, According to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant, BONNIE BARNES, shall answer or appear and take such other action as may be permitted by law on the 22nd day of April, 1996 at the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Grayling, Michigan.

Defendant, BONNIE BARNES, is hereby notified that she may, at any time prior to the Court date, contest this case by appearing herself or by an attorney of her choice in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, and filing a written answer to the complaint herein made, or she and her attorney may on the Court date, present their defense at which time the matter will be heard by the judge in the above Courtroom. Failure to appear on the Court date designated above will result in a Default Judgement being taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Defendant may demand a trial by jury in which case the jury fee must be paid.
Dated: March 4, 1996
/s/ By: George W. Alexander
WILLIAM A. PORTER,
Circuit Judge
Dated: Feb. 5, 1996
DOUGLAS C. DOSSON,
Attorney for Plaintiff

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BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING of the electors of the TOWNSHIP OF BEAR LAKE will be held at the Community Center, 9 am on Saturday, March 30, 1996.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Township Board will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting to adopt the 1996-97 Budgets and to approve the March '95 bills.

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Carol Rosenberg, Clerk

Crawford County South Branch Township Notice of Annual Township Meeting and Discussion of The Township Budget

Notice is hereby given that the next Annual Township Meeting of the Electors of the

Township of South Branch
County of Crawford, State of Michigan
Will Be Held At The Township Hall, 5245 M-18

Beginning at 9 am
Saturday, March 30, 1996

At such time in addition to other regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues to the Township will be submitted for consideration. Copies of the budget are available for inspection at the office of the Township Clerk.

This will be a General Fund Budget Hearing and a Hearing for the purpose of determining the millage rate for fiscal year 1996-97, for operation of the Fire and Ambulance Departments, P.A. 33 of 1951.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the South Branch Township Board will be held following the Annual meeting on March 30, 1996, at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, for the purpose of adoption of the 1996-97 Budgets.

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Mary M. Mollon, Clerk

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC GRAYLING TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the Residents and Property Owners of
Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Grayling Township enacted Ordinance No. 96-1 on March 12, 1996, to be effective upon publication, which was entitled "Electric Service Franchise Ordinance" and which provides as follows:

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP
CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 96-1
ADOPTED: MARCH 12, 1996
EFFECTIVE: MARCH 21, 1996

ELECTRIC SERVICE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE granting unto Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc., its successors and assigns, the right, power, and franchise for a period of thirty (30) years from and after the adoption and approval hereof, to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain in Grayling Township, Crawford County, the necessary facilities for the production, transmission, and sale of electric energy at wholesale to its member-distribution cooperatives and between Wolverine and other parties pursuant to wholesale power agreements, and to use and occupy the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places of the township to set poles, string wires, lay pipes or conduits, and to transact an electric business.

BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. That Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc., its successors and assigns, be and it is hereby granted and vested with the non-exclusive right, power, and franchise for a period of thirty (30) years from and after the adoption and approval hereof, as provided by law, to acquire, construct, maintain, or operate in the Township of Grayling the necessary facilities for the production, transmission, and sale of electric energy at wholesale to its member-distribution cooperatives and between Wolverine and other parties pursuant to wholesale power agreements, and to construct and maintain along, upon, across, or under the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places of the township to set poles, string wires, lay pipes or conduit and other necessary fixtures and equipment for such purposes within Grayling Township.

Section 2. The Grantee shall save the Township harmless from any liability or judgment that may be made or recovered against the Township as a result of the construction or maintenance of the Grantee's electric transmission system.

Section 3. The franchise granted herein is subject to confirmation at a special election by a majority of the Grayling Township electors voting upon the question in the affirmative, at a Primary Election to be held August 6, 1996.

Section 4. This Ordinance will take effect upon publication of the Ordinance.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

THE UNDERSIGNED, Monica S. Ashton, Clerk of Grayling Township certifies that the above Ordinance No. 96-1 entitled "Electric Service Franchise Ordinance" was adopted by the Grayling Township Board at a regular meeting held March 12, 1996, and the vote was as follows:

FOR: Five.
AGAINST: None.

Monica S. Ashton
Grayling Township Clerk

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE
SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township board as follows:

1. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall on M-18.
2. Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:30 pm.
3. Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 9, 1996	August 13	December 10
May 14	September 10	January 14, 1997
June 11	October 8	February 11
July 9	November 12	March 11

ANNUAL MEETING: March 29, 1997, at 9 am, Township Hall.

A summary of the Adopted Budget for 1996-97 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 1996, are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township offices located at 5245 M-18, Roscommon, Michigan.

Mary M. Mollon, Clerk
South Branch Township

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on Thursday, April 11, 1996, beginning at 7 pm, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request.

Case #96-1: Ron Chappel, petitioner.
1169 North I-75 B.L.
Grayling, MI 49738

Property Code: 20-040-044-0311-14-020-00
Location: NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and the N 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 all lying easterly of North I-75 B/L all in Section 31, Town 27 N, R3W, Grayling Township, Crawford County

To rezone all that portion of the above-described parcel from R-F (recreational forest) and C-1 (commercial) to R-1 (single family residential), excepting the westerly 350' thereof which shall remain C-1. The rezoning is requested to allow for the development of single family residential lots. Each lot developed shall exceed 15,000 square feet in size.

Case file and zoning maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request may be directed to: Grayling Township Clerk, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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BID NOTICE

THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY
500 HURON STREET, P.O. BOX 648
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738
(517) 348-2281

The Road Commission For Crawford County will accept sealed bids at their office, 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738, until 10 am local time, March 22, 1996, for furnishing the following:

MOWER SPECIFICATIONS

Up To (2) 85 HP John Deere, Model 6400 Cab Tractor (or equivalent)

ComfortGard Cab, with air (or equivalent)
Mechanical 4-wheel drive
18.4-34 R1 rear tires
14.9-24 R1 front tires
Radial tires
Tilt cab
Flanged rear axle / 8-position cast wheels
Sycro-plus transmission 12-forward, 4-reverse speeds
Rear independent 540/1000 RPM PTO
25 GPM hydraulic pump
Super comfort seat with lumbar support
Underhood muffler with corner post exhaust
Dual (3 detent) SCV with breakaway couplers
Radio prep package, AM/FM radio
Front fenders
Window washers/wipers front and rear
Tool box
Cold weather package
Beacon light switch and wiring
Lexon Glass (right side with mar guard)
Locking gas cap

Up To (2) Flex Wing Mower, 10' (or equivalent)

Up To (2) Side Mower, 5'

(1) Boom Mower, 20' No A frame mount
This mower frame to be interchangeable with side mounted flail ditcher and boom mower.

Complete set of filters to service machine

Parts and Service Manuals to be included

BIDS MUST BE IN A SEALED ENVELOPE PLAINLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE AS TO THE ITEMS BEING BID. MAY BE BID TO INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OR AS INSTALLED PACKAGE.

Spec. Sheets available at the Road Commission Office for boom and rotary mower.

The Road Commission reserves the right to waive any irregularities in any bids, to reject any or all bids, and to accept the bid which, in their opinion, is in the best interest of The Road Commission For Crawford County.

By: James Briney, Managing Director of
The Road Commission For Crawford County
ROBERT NELSON, Chairman
KENNETH CHAPP, Vice-Chairman
RAY SWIERCZ, Member

Bid forms available at Road Commission office.

NOTE: Bid openings will begin at 10:30 am, Friday, March 22, 1996, in the Board Room of the Road Commission.

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STATE OF
MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF
CRAWFORD
AMENDED
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Decedent's Estate

File No. 96-5544-SE
Estate of MILDRED CLARA CHEW,
DECEASED 364-05-5305.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on April 3, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Grayling, Michigan before Judge MICHAEL J. BAUMGARTNER on the petition of Harvey J. Rowland requesting Harvey J. Rowland be appointed personal representative of MILDRED CLARA CHEW who lived at 800 Ionia Street, Grayling, MI 49738 and who died 2/13/96.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

DATE: 3/15/96
David R. Sabin, P.C. P19822
115 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588
Personal Representative
Harvey J. Rowland
1795 Old Dam Rd, Grayling, MI 49738

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STATE OF
MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF
CRAWFORD
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Decedent's Estate

File No. 91-4833-SE
Estate of IRMGARD G. RIDDLE
384-20-0406.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

NOTICE: A hearing was held on April 17, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. in the probate courtroom, Grayling, Michigan before Judge Honorable JOHN G. HUNTER on the petition of ELIZABETH RICE requesting JOHN B. HUSS be appointed personal representative of IRMGARD G. RIDDLE who lived at 206 Cedar, Grayling, Michigan and who died 1-15-91.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

DATE: MARCH 1, 1996
JOHN B. HUSS P15297
P.O. Box 948
Grayling, MI 49738 517/348-5431
Personal Representative
JOHN B. HUSS
P.O. Box 498
Grayling, MI 49738

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STATE OF
MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF
CRAWFORD
CLAIMS NOTICE
Independent Probate

File No. 96-5510-IE
Estate of Harold Johnson, Jr., (AKA Harold E. Johnson) Deceased, 339-14-3572.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following.

The decedent, whose last known address was 2383 Hillis Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, died 12/11/95.

Decedent left will dated 7/23/92.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Harold D. Johnson, 166 Northview Drive, Caro, MI 48723, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling Michigan 49738, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

MICHAEL C. WEISS P27963
UAW-GM Legal Services Plan
Morley Bldg., One Tuscola Street
Saginaw, MI 48607 (517) 776-6650

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STATE OF
MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF
CRAWFORD
CLAIMS NOTICE
Independent Probate

File No. 96-5541-IE
Estate of DOUGLAS JOHN SIUDARA,
Deceased, 376-60-6443.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following.

The decedent, whose last known address was 277 Wendy Lane, Grayling, MI 49738, died 2/20/96.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Josephine Siudara, c/o David R. Sabin, P.C., 115 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling Michigan 49738, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

David R. Sabin, P.C. P19822
115 Mich. Ave., Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

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NOTICE OF
APPLICATION
APPLICATION TO
EFFECT
CONSOLIDATIONS
CITIZENS
COMMERCIAL &
SAVINGS BANK

328 S. Saginaw Street
Flint, Michigan 48502

Notice is hereby given by Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, 328 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, Michigan 48502 that it has applied to the Federal Reserve System to effect a consolidation of Second National Bank of Saginaw, 101 N. Washington Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607, National Bank of Royal Oak, 211 S. Center St., Royal Oak, Michigan 48067, State Bank of Standish, 120 N. Forest St., Standish, MI 48658, Second National Bank of Bay City, 701 Washington Ave., Bay City, MI 48708, and Grayling State Bank, 305 Michigan Avenue,

Grayling, MI 49738 (the "Banks") with and into Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank. Incident to the consolidation transactions, the head offices and the branch offices of the Banks will become branch offices of Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank. The Federal Reserve System considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of banks we own in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments on this application, in writing, to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, P.O. Box 834, Chicago, Illinois 60690. The comment period will not end before March 21, 1996, and may be somewhat longer. The Federal Reserve Board's Policy Statement regarding notice of applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Alicia Williams, Community Affairs Officer (312) 322-5910 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. The Federal Reserve System will consider your comments and any request for hearing on the application if they are received by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago on or before the last date of the comment period.

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RECORD OF
CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS
Meeting held on
Feb. 26, 1996

Meeting called to order by Mayor Golinick at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Stevens, Golinick, Akers, Ruddy, Moshier. Members absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Judy Morford, five students.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 12, 1996, be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None.

Communications were received and noted.

February 6, 1996 County Board Minutes.

Grayling Housing Commission Minutes

of Jan. 18, 1996.

Fire Department Report for January 1996.

Emergency Services Reports, January 16 and February 20, 1996.

Letter regarding Civil Infracton process from Varnum & Riddering. City Attorney and City Manager will advise of recommended action at a later date.

Cable TV Rate Letter from Varnum & Riddering. City will continue with rate process for at least 60 more days at minimum legal costs.

Meeting of April 25 for initial meeting with the planning consultant for City/Township

Master Plan

On May 2, another meeting will be held to discuss future vision for the Grayling area. More data on meeting schedules, etc. will be sent to Council at a later date.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Reports of City Manager

Legislative Conference in Lansing. City Manager and the Mayor attended.

Membership dues for Michigan

Conference of Mayors. Council agreed to renew membership for one year for \$50.

Resolution on March 23 for Karl Golinick's completion of 30 years on the Fire Department.

Discussion regarding Riverview

Apartment and tax exempt status. City Manager and City Attorney will advise and prepare a resolution for Council to consider at a future meeting.

Letter written to owner of 406 Elm Street regarding recent water damage and need for inspection prior to turn over.

Notified owner of Siggys of inspection coming up on Friday, March 1, 1996 to check for fire, building and utility problems prior to re-opening of said business.

Fire Tankers at C.S.I. being refurbished, will be done in three to four weeks. Waiting for new tank from Florida at present.

Residency editorial in the Bay City Times and Detroit papers. Council strongly believes in need for Home Rule to determine such issues as where employees must live.

Fourth Silent Auction for M.M.L. Foundation. City will not participate.

Reports of Council Members.

Zoning Board of Appeals appointment has been filled with Arthur Thayer accepting appointment.

Adjournment.

Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Crawford through the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office is proposing to make application for a Housing Preservation Grant through the Farmers Home Administration. The grant application will be for \$118,000 to be used for very-low and low-income families, county-wide, single family units, owner-occupied for housing rehabilitation to assist in eliminating safety and health hazards and overcrowding which would contribute to the structural integrity or long-term preservation of the unit without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, height, weight, arrest record or physical or mental handicap if such person has capacity to contract.

The proposed project will provide loan funds through the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office to rehabilitate single family owner-occupied housing.

Comments will be accepted at the Crawford County Courthouse in the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office between 8:30 am and noon or between 1 and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. The courthouse is located at 200 Michigan Avenue which is at the south end of Michigan Avenue, downtown Grayling. Anyone wishing to telephone in comments may do so during the same times at (517) 348-2841, ext. 253. Comments will be accepted until March 31, 1996.



EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY



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NOTICE

The Crawford County Strong Families/Safe Children Family Coordinating Council is currently accepting proposals for contract awards authorized by the Executive Directors for the service listed below.

Contracts as a result of this Request for Proposal (RFP) are expected to begin April 15, 1996 and end September 30, 1996. Funding of comprehensive services for a second year beginning October 1, 1996 will be decided by the SFSC Executive Directors in the summer of 1996.

Parenting Program:

• Provide parenting education to caretakers of young children, in their homes or small groups.

FY 96 - \$5,500 FY 97 - \$10,087

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the RFP detailing the services listed above and a response package by writing or faxing a request to:

Crawford DSS, Attention SF/SC
P.O. Box 702
Grayling, Michigan 49738
(517) 348-2838 FAX

All proposals submitted in response to this request for proposals must be received at Crawford County D.S.S., P.O. Box 702, Grayling, MI 49738 no later than 4:30 pm on April 2, 1996.

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FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: March 17 - 23, 1996

- ARIES**
March 21-April 19
Look into educational projects that will benefit the whole family. Spend more "quality" time together.
- TAURUS**
April 20 - May 20
Putting your thoughts into words could help you later on. Give way to your creative side.
- GEMINI**
May 21 - June 20
Looking for a new relationship? Try a little volunteer work or community service. You never know what might develop.
- CANCER**
June 21 - July 22
Investing conservatively will net sounder returns than taking unwarranted risks. Listen to the advice of others.
- LEO**
July 23 - Aug 22
Be persuasive with younger people. They will try to buck you at every turn, so you need to be persistent.
- VIRGO**
Aug 23 - Sept 22
Take time this week to catch up on small but necessary chores. Don't forget to work on your taxes.
- LIBRA**
Sept 23 - Oct 22
A long-sought goal is finally in sight. Don't become overanxious and make a costly, careless mistake.
- SCORPIO**
Oct 23 - Nov 21
Try to remain calm in the midst of fiery tempers. Your composure in the face of disaster will win the day.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22 - Dec 21
Don't give up on your personal ideas for a special project. Keep after the powers-that-be and they will eventually listen.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec 22 - Jan 19
An unexpected visit results in an unusual offer. A positive approach to a negative issue will net great returns.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan 20 - Feb 18
Someone you love needs your moral support. Call and offer your help as well as your blessing.
- PISCES**
Feb 19 - March 20
Good advice need not always be taken, but it should be seriously considered and not brushed aside.



OTIS NEEDS A HOME--Otis is a male siberian husky. He is 1 1/2 years old, housebroken, and is good with kids. If you would like to give him a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Cats cannot see in total darkness, says the Humane Society of the United States. They can see better than many animals in semi-darkness, however, because of their eyes' special anatomy.

In the winter, keep indoor pets in a dry, warm area that is free of drafts. Elevate your pet's bed off the floor.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

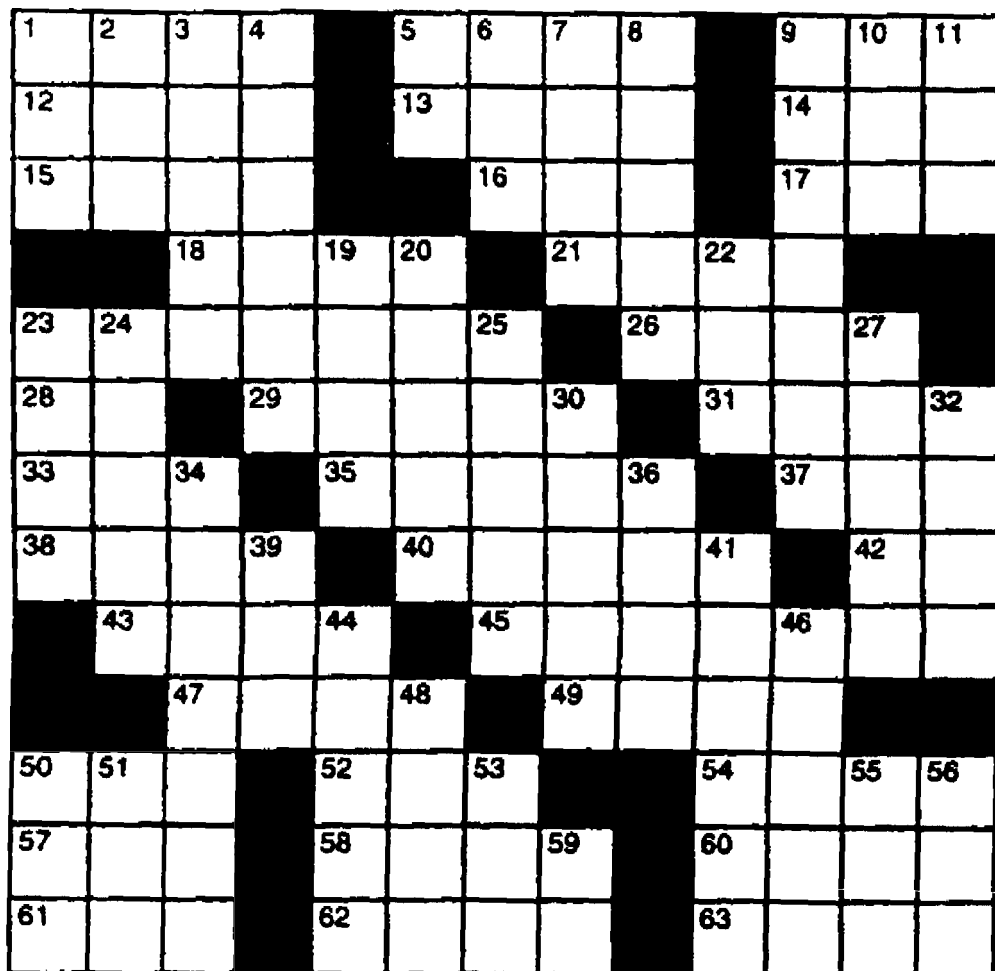
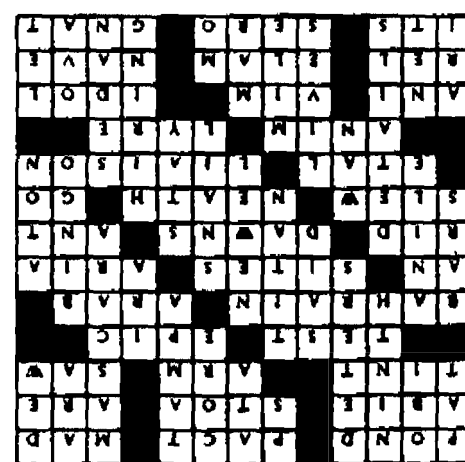
WEEKEND CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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12. Nichol's hero
13. Gr. porch
14. Metric measure
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16. Limb
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18. Try
21. Heroic
23. Island nation
26. Middle east native
28. Article
29. Locations
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35. Sunrise, Pl.
37. Insect
18. Killed
40. Beneath, poetic
42. Leave
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47. Biblical name
49. Ancient musical inst.
50. Blackbird
52. Vitality
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 62. Watery, comb, form
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 7. Center
 8. Florida city
 9. eye cosmetic
 10. Brazil parrot
 11. Moisture
 19. Spoke
 20. Huge

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



Jack Sparks fifth birthday anniversary party Monday afternoon.

For the pleasure of her young son, Billie, Mrs. A. J. Joseph entertained 26 of his friends Monday afternoon, the occasion being his seventh birthday.

The second of a series of Lenton silver teas was sponsored at the Michelson Memorial Church Thursday by the Woman's Home

Missionary Society. The committee in charge of the tea were Mrs. John Zeder, Mrs. R. D. Bailey, Mrs. A. Hermann and Mrs. M. A. Bates.

Mrs. Harold D. Wismer and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Regan drove up from Flint Saturday, to spend Sunday at the home of Mrs. Wismer's and Mr. Regan's mother, Mrs. Frank T. Beckman, and other relatives.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago March 22, 1973

The deadline of March 31, is fast closing in on hundreds of thousands of Michigan motor vehicle owners who still have not obtained their 1973 Michigan license plates.

Don Jansen, chairman of the Boys' and Girl's Committee of the Grayling Kiwanis Club, donated a check for \$200 last Monday evening, to Maj. David Hanson, MNG, representative of Grayling Little League. The check was donated to help run the Little League program this year.

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood are invited to an open house honoring their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday evening, March 31, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lovells Town Hall.

St. Patrick's Day brought only about two inches of snow and high winds to the Crawford County area, but for the rest of the state, to the south and north, it was a different story.

From a line from Bay City to Ludington, south, snowfall was reported from 12 to 21 inches in different sections. In the Petoskey, Cheboygan, Alpena area, the snowfall was reported up to 17 inches.

Summer training dates for National Guard citizen-soldiers at Camp Grayling this year, were announced this week. During the three encampments set for this summer, a total of 20,410 Guardsmen will use the facilities of the sprawling confines of Camp Grayling.

There will be an open house at the Frederic Town Hall on Thursday evening, March 22, from 7 to 9 p.m., for Abbie Madill, who will be moving to AuSagra Acres in Grayling, around the first of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fraser of Grayling, are the proud parents of a son, Shane William, born on March 19, and weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

The Holiday Inn traveling bowling team won the northern Michigan traveling league championship by shooting a 2,916 team score to beat Cheboygan's 2,762 for first place. Team members are Ron Case, Homer King, Phil Faustman, Larry Davis and Dan Canfield.

Bessie and Walter Critcher: congratulations on your 50th anniversary which was March 20. Children and grandkids will try and make it home for the celebration of this weekend.

Thursday evening, April 12, the Grayling High School gymnasium will be the scene of a combination concert

featuring Grayling High School Band, and the Fulton High School Senior Band from Middleton. During the concert each band will present a short concert of its own, then the two bands will combine for two numbers. This combination will make a concert band of over 100 musicians, and promises to raise the blood level of all those in attendance.

46 years ago March 23, 1950

Plans are underway for a 14-bout amateur boxing show here on Saturday, April 1, at the Grayling High Gym. All bouts have not been lined up as yet, but it is sure that Grayling's two popular battlers, Jim Kolka and Del Case will both see action that night.

Mrs. Van Smith and Mrs. Leo Jorgenson are opening a little shop at 511 Cedar St., known as the Bridges building. The shop will open on Friday, March 24, and will feature lines of candy, cards and yarn. There will be gifts for the ladies on opening day.

Marine Corporal James W. Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield of 403 Plum St., Grayling, is currently serving with the Second Amphibious Tractor Company of the Second Marine Division here at the world's most complete amphibious training base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Only one Grayling Viking received mention of the Northern C all-conference basketball squad—that was Jim Feldhauser as center on the second team.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Clough and son Kerry were in Detroit several days last week on business. They were accompanied to Detroit by their daughter, Mrs. Richard L. Nelson, who had been visiting them and now lives in that city. Enroute home, they stopped in Lansing, and visited Mr. Clough's mother, Mrs. F. Bellefy and sister, Mrs. Corliss Stampfly.

The dining room and lobby at Shoppenagon's Inn have been freshly painted.

Earl Gierke spent the weekend in Detroit visiting his mother, Mrs. Adam Gierke.

Crawford County Treasurer Roy J. Sindlinger points out that dog license tax is now due and is \$1 for any breed or sex of dog. After June 1, the tax increases to \$2 he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven left Monday to spend several days in East Lansing, visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire and daughter, Sally.

Frederic residents were terrorized

last week, with a suspicious looking person with a big nose. For information call Bob Lozon.

Our Gang met at the home of Mrs. Howard Bunker, who was acting hostess for Mrs. Leroy Babbitt. Twenty members were present, including two guests, Cora Neal and Marguerite Leslie. Everyone wore something green for St. Patrick.

The thieves who broke the glass in the Hinkle Grocery Store are still at large to date. Cigarettes, cake, a case of beer and about \$200 was missing.

Mrs. Ernest Johnson left for Detroit Sunday, to spend several days, stopping in East Lansing enroute to pick up her daughter, Miss Lenore, who is on spring vacation from M.S.C.

Among those to attend the basketball tournament finals in East Lansing the past weekend were Roger Giegling, Don Gothro, Louis Stillwagon, Carlyle Brown, George Schaible, Jr., Harold Hatfield, Sr., and Ernest Larson and son Ronny.

Don't let anyone kid you that there's no big fish in Shupac Lake. The proof of the story showed up this last week when Bert Gilbert landed a lake trout measuring 30 inches and weighing 10 pounds, and in a few days afterwards, got one weighing 5 pounds.

On Saturday evening, March 18, friends and neighbors called at the home of Jack Wade, to bid him farewell. He soon will be in the Army.

Mrs. Carl Miller and Mrs. Harry Miller were co-hostesses at a miscellaneous shower at the Legion Hall Thursday evening, to honor Mrs. Dick Miller, nee Joan Thompson.

69 years ago March 24, 1927

Among those driving new cars are Peter Lovely, Essex sedan, and James MacNeven, Chevrolet sedan.

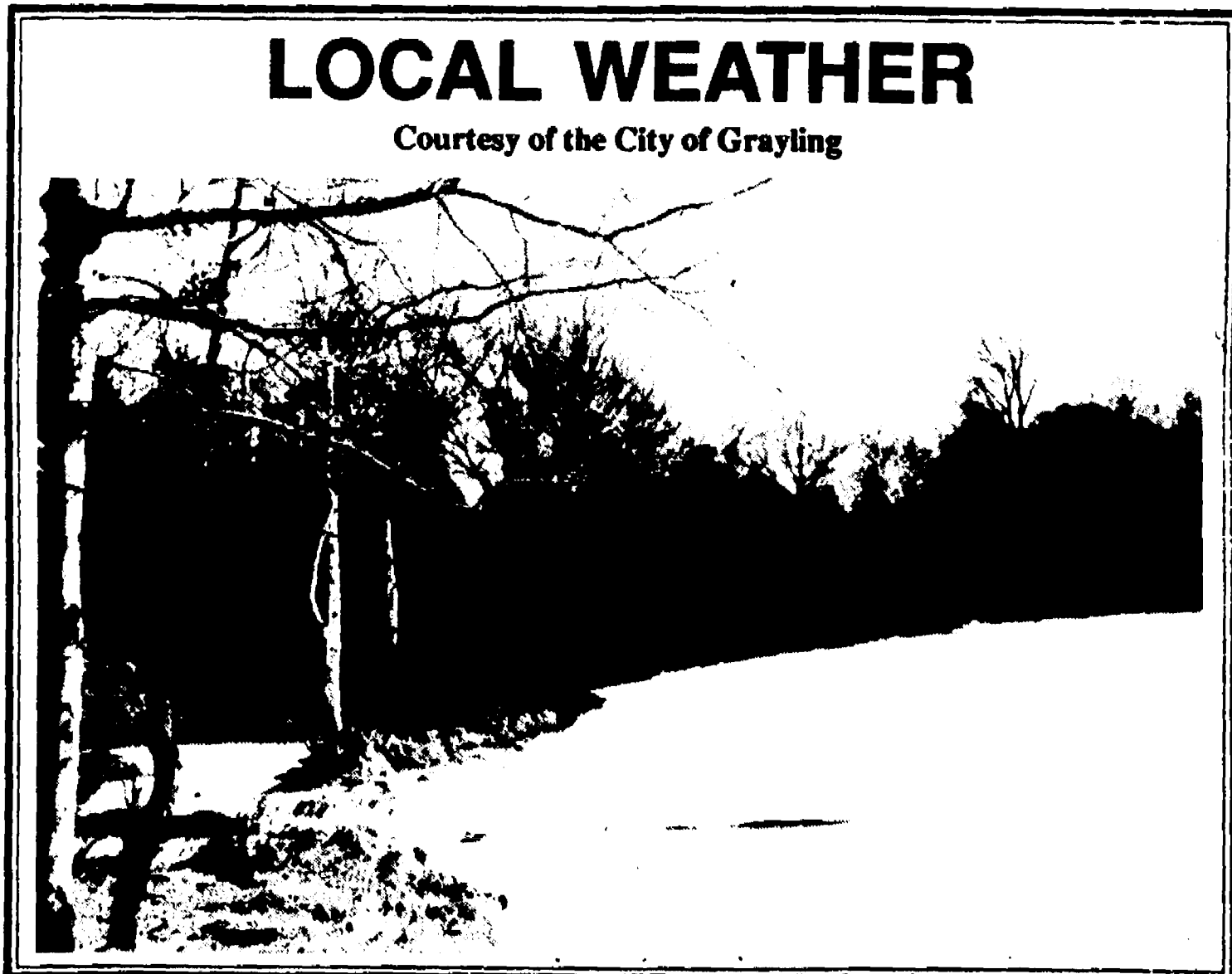
Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven, accompanied by Miss Lucille Hanson, left Sunday for Pontiac, to drive back a new Pontiac coupe for the former.

William Cecil Apps is the name by which the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Apps will be known. He was born March 15.

Mrs. M. B. L. Greenbury (Maude Taylor) of Detroit, had the misfortune to fall down stairs recently, injuring herself quite badly.

Mrs. Carl England, accompanied by her daughter, Margaret, and son, Carl, left Tuesday for Chicago and Omaha, Nebraska, to visit relatives.

Monday was the first day of spring, and the event was ushered in with a heavy snow storm.



LOCAL WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on ground	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday will be windy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. The highs will be 30 to 35. Thursday calls for a chance of snow showers, with the highs in the mid 20s, and the lows in the teens. Friday will be mostly cloudy, with a few flurries. The highs will be in the 30s, with the lows in the teens. Saturday calls for partly-cloudy skies. The highs will be in the mid 30s, with the lows in the teens.
3/13	47	23		20"	
3/14	52	30		17"	
3/15	46	37		15"	
3/16	31	24	0.03	15"	
3/17	37	10		14"	
3/18	44	6		12"	
3/19	41	11		11"	

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RESIDENTIAL



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BEAUTIFUL three bedroom, 2.5 bath, "Arrow brand" approx. 1 mile from AuSable Mainstream on paved county road. Quality home features walk-in closet, Andersen windows, formal dining room, pantry, ceramic tile kitchen, decking, vinyl/brick siding and 2-car garage. 2.5 acres for \$75,900. BK-344



100 FEET OF FRONTAGE on Shupak Lake in Lovells. Beautiful wooded setting makes this the perfect place to enjoy northern Michigan at its best. Two bedroom cottage with large living room with fireplace, nice kitchen, eating area with view of the lake, full bath with shower, completely furnished, partial basement and storage shed. Priced right at \$92,000. JG-223



CHARMING CHALET ON BEAUTIFUL WOODED LOT - This home has three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, large eat-in kitchen with oak cabinets, large living room, 2-car attached garage, paved driveway. \$74,900. BSO-349



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1995 16X80 MOBILE HOME Threebedrooms, two baths, only used one year. Garden tub, fireplace, beautiful shape. \$25,000, 348-3253. -21-28-4-11/1

FOR SALE Four bedroom tri-level, 2 1/2 car garage, 3 1/2 hardwood lots, swimming pool, two large decks, woodshed, 1 1/2 miles from town, lots more. Karen Woods, must see 348-2957. -21/1

FOR SALE BY OWNER Kalkaska area. 5.5 acres hardwoods. County maintained road, electricity, small building. \$9,200. \$2,000/down. \$200/month land contract. Call 348-5560. -21-28/1

HOME FOR SALE 12X65 mobile. Lot near high school. Clean and comfortable. Immediate occupancy. \$15,000. \$3,000/down. \$250/month land contract. Call 348-5560. -21-28/1

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SKIERS/SNOWMOBILERS Two bedroom cabin by Lake Margrethe. Call 348-7107. Available by day, week or month. LR3/28/96/2

OFFICE SPACE plus secretarial area, both furnished. On Business Loop, parking, with sign available. \$250 per month, plus deposit. Includes utilities. Call 348-5433 or 348-8336. 11/2/95tf/2

NEED TEMPORARY LODGING? Two sizes of units with kitchenettes; also two or three bedroom condo, (everything included). For March, April, and May. Call 348-8471. -7-14-21/2

TWO BEDROOM NEWLY REMODELED house in country with attached garage. Crawford AuSable schools. \$500 per month, plus deposit, plus references. 517-275-4126. -14-21-28/2

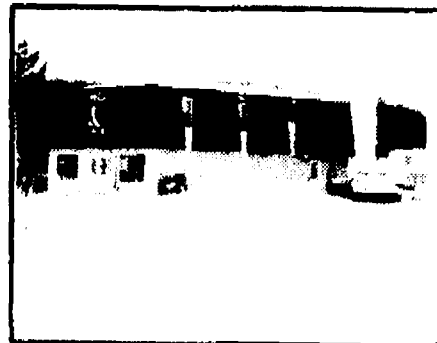
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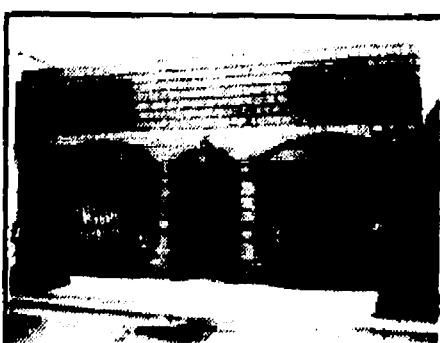
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\$125,000

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AuSable River
"Holy Waters"

Four bedroom, three bath home with 145' of prime river frontage. Home offers three levels with options too numerous to list. This home is a must see. \$198,500. #3740



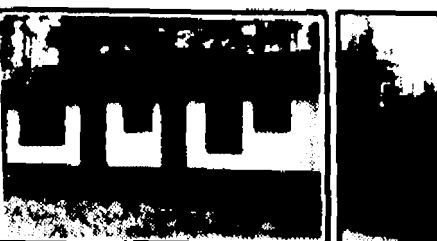
Lake Margrethe Canal

Great floor plan offers four bedrooms, three baths, two family rooms, living room w/fireplace, laundry room, kitchen, large porch, paved drive, 24x24 garage, etc. etc. You must see to believe. \$180,000. #3774



AuSable River Frontage
Close To Town

This beautiful redwood log home is accessed via paved driveway, has a large front deck at the river's edge and a walkout basement. Home sits on approx. 1.5 acres and has 200' of frontage. \$139,900. #3768



Great little cabin on a nice parcel. Fantastic location! Adorable home situated in six well-groomed lots to the AuSable and Big Creek. Cabin is very cozy with brick in ACCESS to Lake Margrethe. The corner woodstove, and large 24x30 garage has room for the toys. \$54,900. #3791



Quality is found throughout this two bedroom, one bath home on 10.10 acres. Offering a full basement, 24x24 detached garage and only about 1/4 of a mile from the AuSable River. \$59,900. #3707



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ACREAGE

2.5 ACRE PARCEL on county blacktop road with state land across the street. \$4,300. #001

IDEAL HUNTING PROPERTY 10 acres of hardwoods with no power available. \$8,000. #061

NICE BUILDING SITE 29 acres close to Traverse Bay. \$29,000. #068

NICELY WOODED 6-ACRE PARCEL with site cleared for building and Deer Creek running through the back of the property. \$13,000. #069

FOUR - SQUARE 10 ACRES of hardwoods and pines. Great hunting property. \$8,000 each. #088 #089 #090 #095

2.59 ACRES of hardwoods with power available. \$3,500. #104

KALKASKA AREA 10 acres with five open and five wooded with hardwoods. \$12,000. #133

2.5 ACRE building site less than 1.5 miles from the beautiful AuSable River. \$3,295 each. #010

NICE 2.5 ACRE building site with well on blacktop, county maintained road. \$6,000. #111

FIVE ACRES with state land on two sides. Surveyed and power available. \$9,000. #121

TWO ACRE parcel with concrete slab for you to build your home or mobile home on and a block out-building for storage. \$9,000. #126

SQUARE 10 ACRES of red pines with state land on two sides. \$13,500. #132

19 ACRES with a 1.5 acre pond. \$27,500. #138

10 ACRES OF HARDWOODS with power only 100 feet away. \$10,000. #151

20 ACRES - Two square, 10-acre parcels with mixture of hardwoods and pines, both bordering state land. \$23,000. #154

5 ACRES with a travel trailer. \$6,500. #137

9.46 ACRES with some mature red pines along with approximately 5,500 five-year-old red pines. \$10,500. #159

LOTS

NICE BUILDING LOT on sloping site. Located near the Timberlee ski area and close to Traverse City. \$15,000. #136

FOUR LOTS on county maintained road. \$3,100 each. #130

LARGE LOT with septic, 1/2 mile from Grayling. \$8,600. #093

1.25 ACRES with a 10'x38', one bedroom travel trailer and a well and septic already installed. Easily accessible via I-75 & US-27. \$8,600. #038

THREE LOTS IN KALKASKA COUNTY. \$2,995 each. #028

TWO COMMERCIAL LOTS on M-72 West. \$6,500 each. #027

VERY! VERY! HEAVILY WOODED LOT. \$4,500. #060

NICE LOT measures 115' x 140' x 90' x 129'. \$4,900. #067

60' x 150' LOT. You can buy this lot for the price of a down payment. \$1,200. #105

HEAVILY WOODED with oak lot. \$4,000. #109

NICELY WOODED LOT measures 125' x 151'. \$2,500. #113

TWO VERY NICELY WOODED LOTS close to Higgins Lake. \$8,000 each. #114 #116

NICELY WOODED LOT would be great for hunting or camping. \$4,000. #125

NICE LOT in Beaver Creek Township, one mile from fire department and park. \$6,000. #143

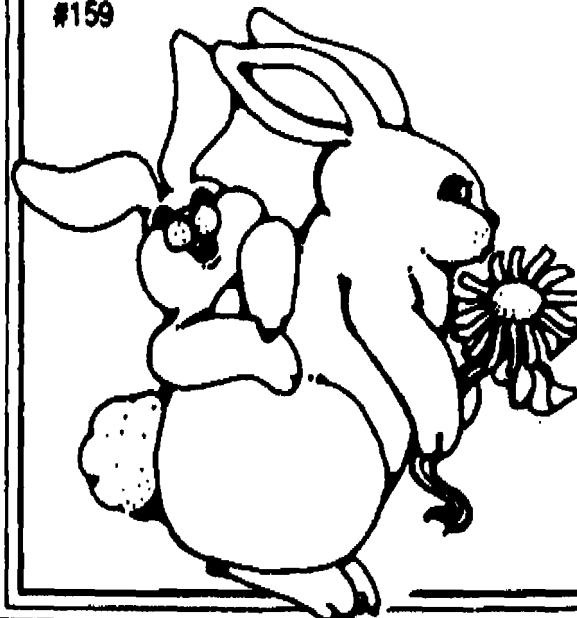
SIX WOODED LOTS with hardwoods, great hunting and camping area. The perfect Up North get-a-way. \$7,500. #149

NEW LISTING Nice building lot near Roscommon. Measures 125'x145'x57'x159'. \$4,000. #157

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NEW LISTING Nice building lot close to Roscommon. \$3,900. #163

NEW LISTING Large corner lot - more than an acre. Roscommon area. \$3,900. #164



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FOR LEASE: Unfurnished AuSable riverfront, two bedrooms, one bath. Available April 1st. \$400, first and last months. Plus utilities and \$400 security deposit. Phone 348-8466. 3/14/96lf/2

FOR RENT Two bedroom, in town, completely remodeled. \$475 month, plus utilities. \$500 deposit. Six month lease. Available January 1st. 348-7440. Ask for Craig. 12/14/95lf/2

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE Clean and comfortable. \$300/month plus utilities. \$750 with credit check. First, last month, deposit. Call 348-5560. -21-28/2

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TWO BEDROOM MOBILE Clean, very private, garbage pick-up included. \$250 monthly. Please call 348-2458. -21/2

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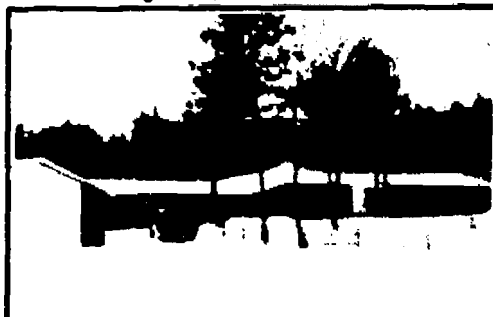
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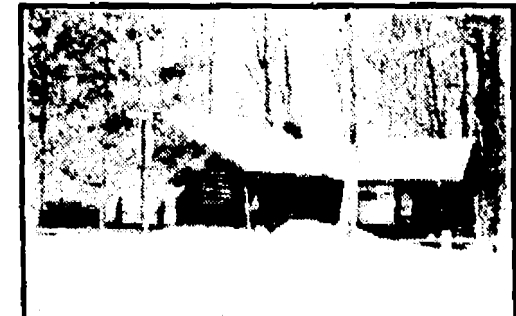
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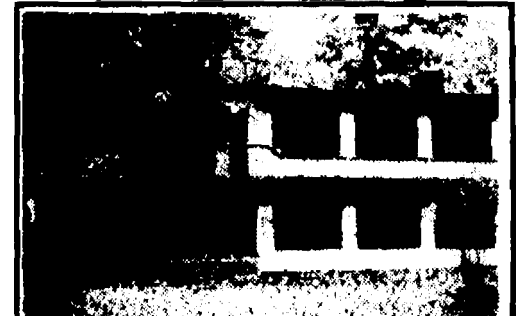
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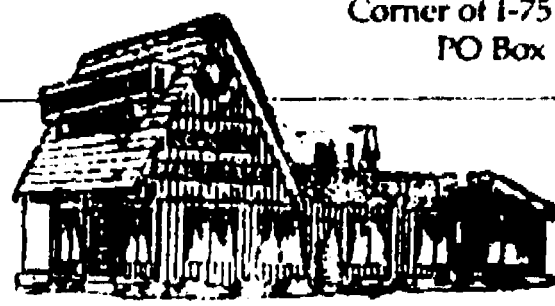
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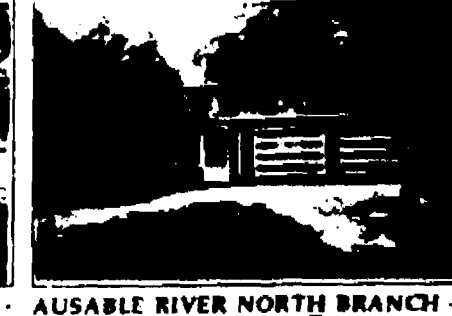
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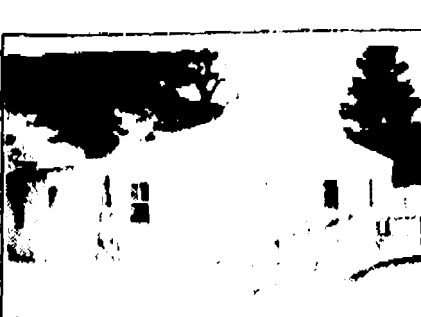
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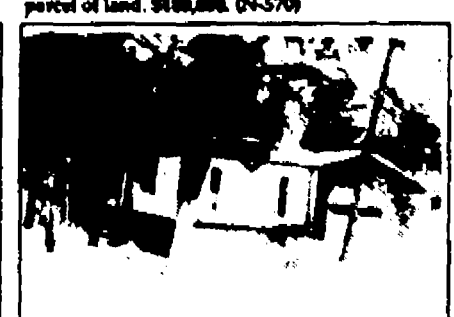
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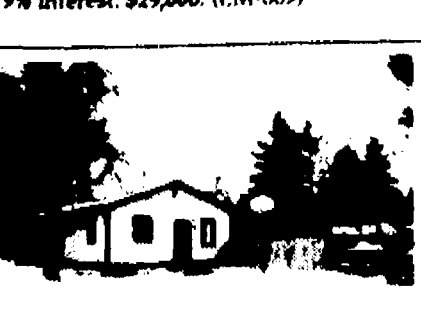
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The Hazard Hamlet program features a table-top, three-dimensional electronic display that simulates electric hazards which could be encountered in the home, yard or community. In dramatic fashion, students learn the potential dangers around power lines and electric appliances as they journey through the hamlet.

"Our children need to know how to use electricity safely," said John W. Hadder, field manager for the utility's northern area. "As the major electric utility in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, Consumers Power can play an

important role in educating youngsters on potential electrical hazards."

Reaction to the program throughout the state has been very encouraging. A teacher who observed the program indicated that Hazard Hamlet, "may be critical in helping to save a child's life."

The free program will be available to schools in the northern section of the Lower Peninsula during March and April on a first-come, first-scheduled basis. Schools interested in a presentation should contact Jackie Bissonette, at (517) 366-5337.

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- March 14, 1923 - President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.
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GMS wrestlers earn medals at Charlevoix Invitational

At the Charlevoix Invitational on Saturday, March 16, the middle school wrestling team competed against 16

other schools from northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Gaining medals were Princess Grounds, third place at 100 pounds; Matt Evon, third at 85 pounds; Josh Niederer, first at 105 pounds; Maryann Vollmer, first at 115 pounds; Victor CdeBaca, third at 115 pounds; Jordan Hall, first at 118 pounds; and Jimmy Eddy, second at 138 pounds.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Amber Meech spent from Jan. 29 to the night of Feb. 14, in Hawaii, having a marvelous time sightseeing on Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and Oahu, with her sister and brother-in-law, Merle and Arthur Carlson.



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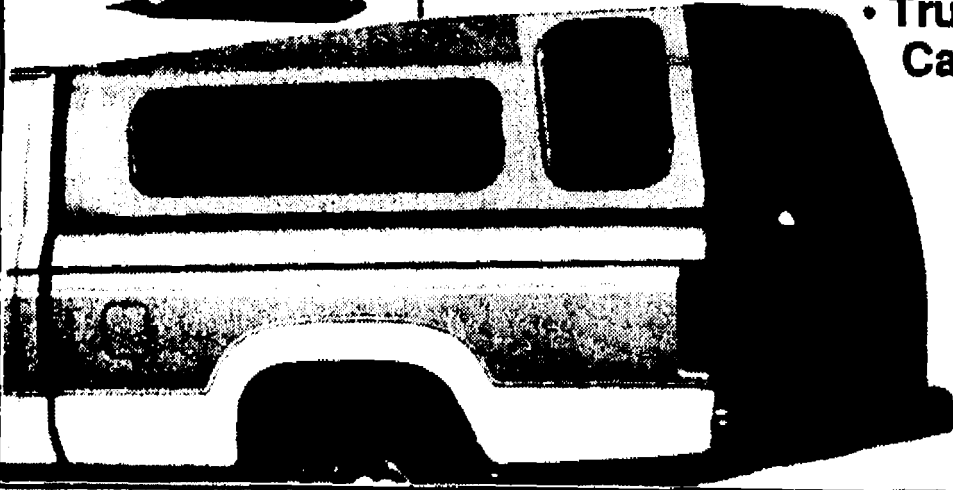


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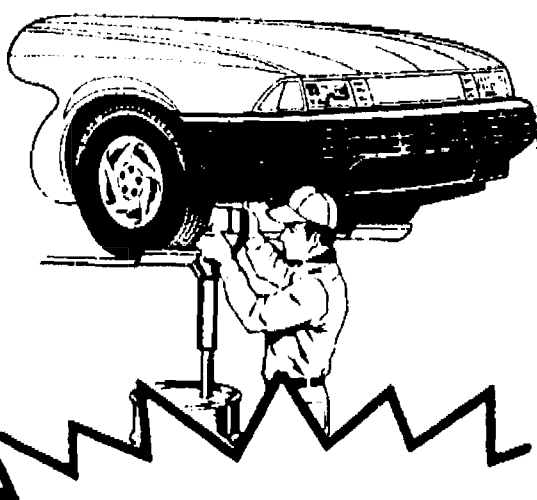
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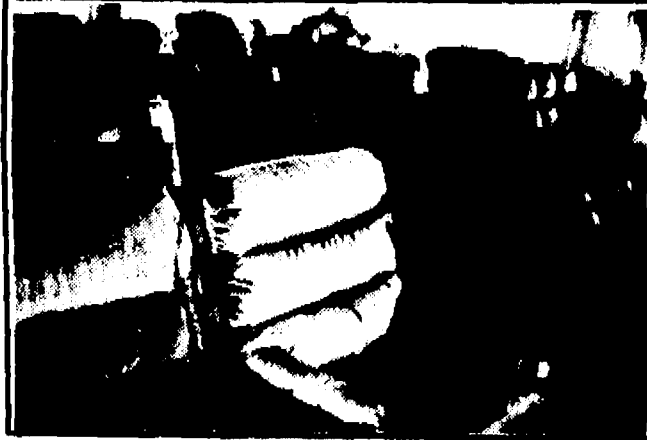
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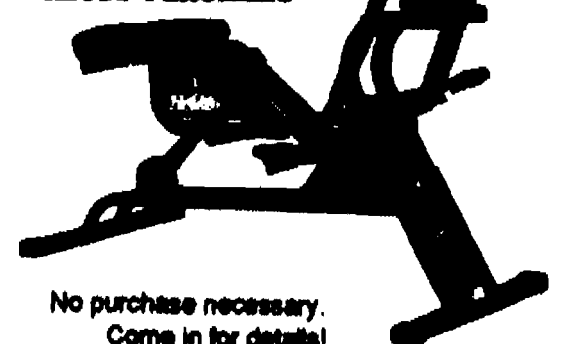
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Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT



Is your home physically fit?

Most people take better care of their car than they do the home they live in. According to a survey by the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI), the leading association for the home inspection profession in the U.S. and Canada, "poor overall maintenance" was rated one of the top five problems most frequently found during home buyers' pre-purchase inspections.

Yet just as cars need regular oil changes and tune-ups to run smoothly and prevent major engine problems, so do houses need periodic preventive maintenance.

Regular preventive maintenance preserves the structural and mechanical systems of the home, as well as its general cosmetic appearance, say the home inspectors. It can also greatly reduce the cost of repairs. They report that many home owners end up hiring contractors to perform major and costly repairs for problems that could easily have been avoided through preventive maintenance.

Keeping the home in good physical condition also enhances its financial value as an investment. Real estate agents agree that well-maintained homes sell more quickly and at higher prices than poorly maintained ones.

Where To Begin

One of the obstacles to regular maintenance for many home owners is the task

of figuring out what needs to be done. If you have a wet basement or a leaky roof, for example, you know that something needs to be done, but there might be several alternatives. Do you buy an expensive waterproofing system or do you simply fix the gutters? Do you buy a new roof, or merely install better chimney flashing?

Other conditions are not always so obvious. Overloaded circuits might be slowly heating up the wiring and building a potential fire hazard. Galvanized steel pipes, corroded with age, might be serviceable today but cause a plumbing nightmare just down the road. Yet if symptoms such as these aren't readily apparent, how do you know you even have a problem?

Get Professional Advice

When the list of maintenance options becomes confusing, or when you don't know where to begin, it's time to call in a professional home inspector, advises Ron Passaro, a spokesperson for the home inspectors' association. Trained and experienced in the visual examination and evaluation of the condition of a home, the inspector can help a home owner focus attention on the tasks that need to be performed in order to bring a home into top physical condition.

While examining the attic, for example, an inspector might detect subtle

evidence of water penetration through the roof. Allowing for the age and condition of the roofing material, he would then be able to recommend either the installation of a new roof or perhaps some simple flashing repairs. In either case, serious water damage to the house can be avoided.

Similarly, an inspector's recommendation to install a power vent in the attic (\$150-\$200) in order to reduce the heat load might well double the lifespan of a shingle roof (\$2000-\$3000).

If a home has aluminum wiring, periodic preventive maintenance inspections are essential. The condition of wire connections at outlets and switches must be monitored so that corrective measures can be taken if necessary. An inspector will note plumbing leaks and aging water heaters and indicate whether there is a need for repair or replacement to prevent failure or flooding. Improperly graded soil around the house, or defective gutters, the most common causes of water in the basement/cellar, would also be marked for correction.

Be Realistic

Passaro cautions home owners not to attempt to do all the maintenance chores themselves, especially items like electrical or roof top work. "Today, with our busy lifestyles, it is important to be re-

alistic about whether one has the time, not to mention the ability and the tools, to perform all the necessary tasks.

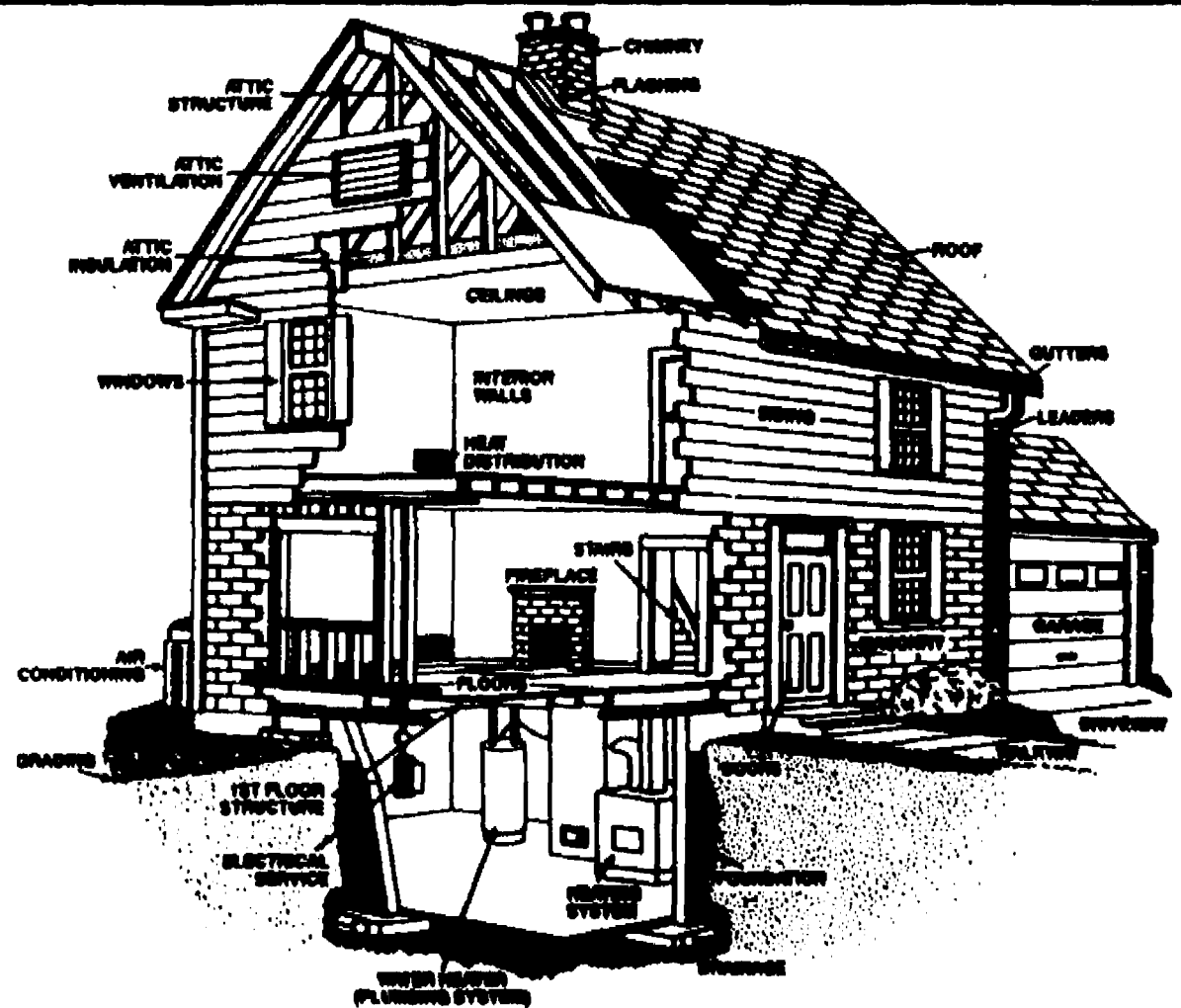
"I recommend that individuals first decide what they think they can accomplish themselves and then hire professional contractors to do the rest. This is the most efficient way of ensuring that preventive maintenance is actually car-

ried out."

How often should a comprehensive maintenance inspection be performed? ASHI recommends a schedule of once every two to five years to keep a home in good physical condition. Individual house components, such as heating, air conditioning, and septic systems for example, require annual or semiannual

inspections and servicing by qualified tradesmen or service technicians.

"Intervals of 15 and 20 years are also important," Passaro noted, "because that is the lifespan of many of a home's systems and materials, such as furnaces and roof coverings. Home owners can anticipate some heavy maintenance work at those times."





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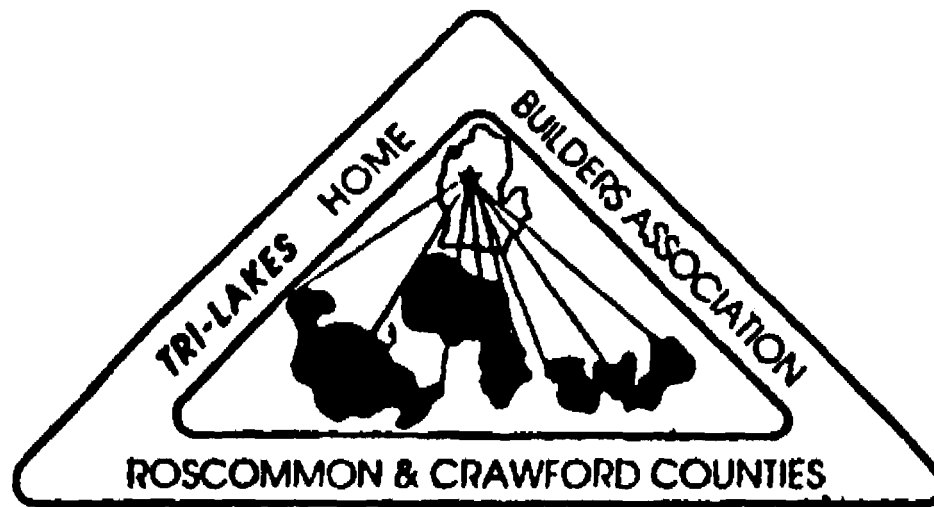
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7th annual Tri-Lakes Home Show March 23-24 at Houghton Lake High



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On Saturday, doors will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and on Sunday, doors will be open from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The special guest this year will again be "Dynamite the Circus Clown," host of the FOX 33 TV Kids Club Show. Dynamite is always a big hit entertaining youngsters and adults alike.

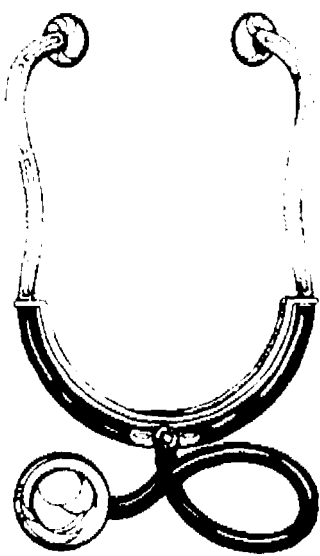
The show will feature almost all facets of building, home repair and financing, including remodeling, siding, plumbing and heating, home automation, carpet, insulation, insurance and landscaping.

As always, representatives of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Roscommon County Sheriff Department will be on hand to answer any questions.

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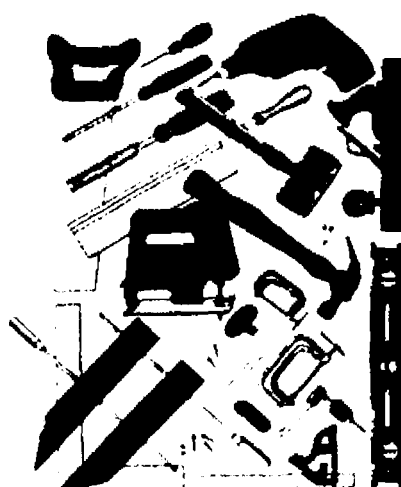


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What it takes to build a new home

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Many people who consider themselves handy with tools think that building their own houses would be a cool thing. It is. Just ask the members of the 185,000-member National Association of Home Builders. But is it something the average person wants to do?

Not including all the preparatory work of acquiring land, putting in sewer and water hook-ups and pouring a foundation, on average, you will

need the following supplies to build a 2,085-square-foot home:

- 13,127 board feet of lumber;
- 6,212 square feet of sheathing;
- 13.97 tons of concrete;
- 2,325 square feet of exterior siding material;
- 2,427 square feet of roofing material;
- 3,061 square feet of insulation;
- 6,144 square feet of interior wall material;
- 120 linear feet of ducting;
- 15 windows;
- 13 kitchen cabinets, two other cabinets;

- one kitchen sink;
- 12 interior doors;
- five closet doors;
- five exterior doors (four hinged, one sliding);
- two garage doors;
- one fireplace;
- three toilets, two bathtubs, one shower stall;
- three bathroom sinks;
- 2,085 square feet of flooring material such as carpeting, resilient sheet, resilient tile, ceramic tile or wood plank;
- one range, one refrigerator, one dishwasher, one garbage disposal, one range hood, one washer, one dryer.

Source: NAHB

If just trying to choose the tile for the bathroom boggles your mind, leave the home building to the professionals. Call your local home builders association for a list of members, visit some neighborhoods, talk to your friends, then choose a professional builder.



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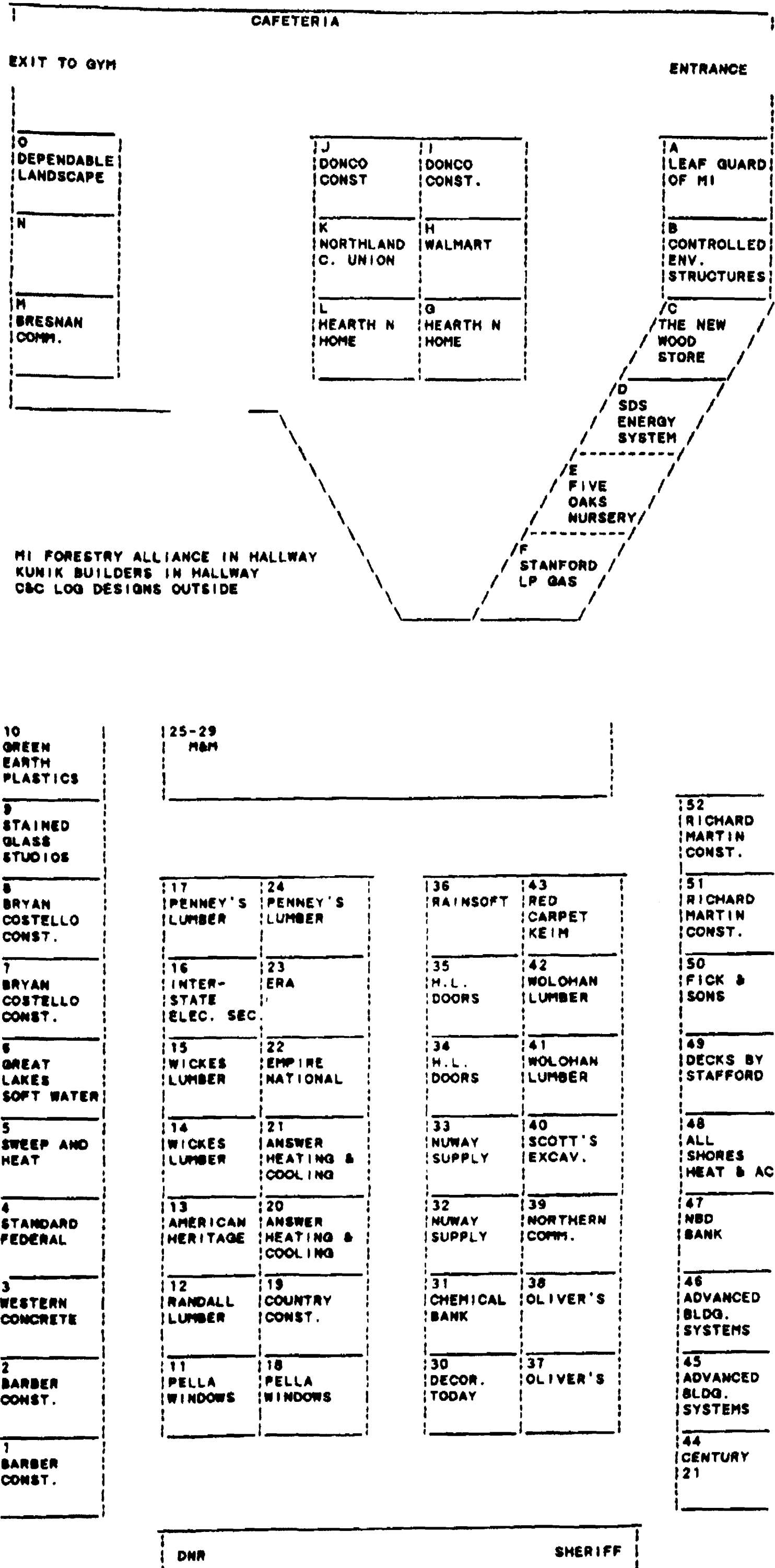
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Finding a builder for you

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

The buying process can be a bit intimidating, especially if you are buying your first home. So, the more knowledge you have about the process, requirements and options will make your home-purchase decision easier. Here are some suggested places to start your homework:

•Local home builders association—can provide a list of reputable builders along with the types of housing each firm builds.

•Better Business Bureau—a good source for checking the standing and financial stability of the building company you choose.

•Banks and mortgage brokers—will provide information on qualifying for a mortgage and financing options to fit your budget.

•Other new home buyers—serve as excellent references for finding the right builder for your new home. Visit homes built in the style that you plan to buy and find out if the owners are satisfied.

•Realtors—know the neighborhoods and can direct you to builders who work in the neighborhoods you prefer and build the styles you want.

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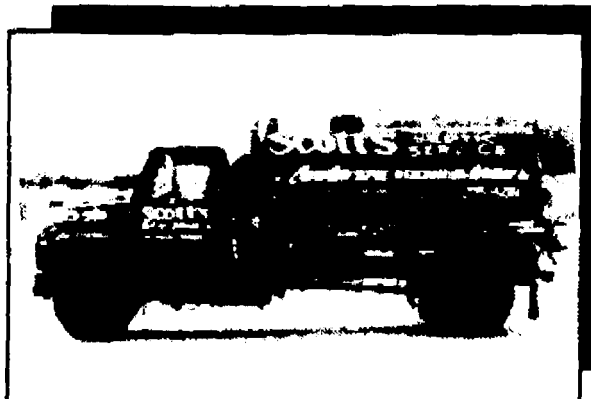
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Buy a quality home from a professional builder

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Everyone interested in buying a new home wants to find a quality home built by a professional. But professionalism is one of those concepts where you know it when you see it, but you may have trouble defining it.

There is no single definition of professionalism, but there are certain principles that a building professional will practice.

• Building professionals believe that homes should be well designed, well constructed and well located in attractive communities with accessible educational, recreational, religious and shopping facilities.

• They feel a strong responsibility to their customers and their community.

• Honesty is their guiding business policy, and they believe in dealing fairly with their customers, employees, subcontractors and suppliers.

• They try to build high standards of health, safety and sanitation into every home.

An important indicator of professionalism is whether the contractor belongs to a builders association or other professional groups. Becoming a dues-paying member of such groups usually means that a builder is an established member of the community. Builders associations encourage research to develop materials, new building techniques, new building equipment, and improved methods of home financing so that home buyers may receive the greatest possible value for their money.

Builders associations care about the image of their industry. If a builder in the association acts in an unprofessional manner, it is a bad reflection on the other members. So a builder who belongs to an association will have a greater incentive to conduct business in a professional manner than a builder who does not belong to an association.

Many builders associations make lists of their members available to home buyers. Give the association a call, and ask for their referral list.

The quality of a new home will in large measure be determined by the skill of the building professional who constructs it. You should shop for a builder as carefully as they shop for the features of a home since you are not just buying a structure when you buy a new home. Along with the structure comes a package of services, and the quality of those services will have an important effect on your enjoyment of the house.

Do not rush through the process of choosing a building professional. Set a reasonable timetable for your search, and do not make your decision until you feel comfortable about what you are doing. You will be in frequent communication with your builder during the construction process and after you move into the house, so try to choose a builder with whom you will feel comfortable working.

For most people, buying a new home will be the largest single purchase you will ever make. So make sure that you buy it from a qualified professional builder.



LOG HOMES--The popularity of rustic log homes has skyrocketed in the past few years in northern Michigan. There are many local, reputable companies that can build the log home of your dreams.

Sixth-annual remodeler's show to be held in Indianapolis

The fifth-annual remodeler's show was held in Atlanta, Georgia in November, 1995. Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association members Tom Barber of Roscommon, Bob Brobeck of Houghton Lake and Thad Pooley of Grayling, attended the show. "I have attended the remodeler's show for the past four years. It is a great way to stay on top of the building business, both with seminars and seeing the new products," said Barber.

More than 170 educational seminars

by nationally-known speakers and over 1,000 leading manufacturers and suppliers of new products were present. Last year's show set attendance records, as well as exhibit sales records. Nearly 13,000 building professionals attended.

This year, the show will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Nov. 15-17. For more information, contact Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association at (517) 275-4759.

Energy facts

Ninety-nine percent of the natural gas consumed in the United States comes from North America.

Take Action now to protect your home from theft

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Assoc.

Leaving home security to chance is risky. Throughout the holiday season, many people travel on vacation, for business or to see far-away family members, and there are many simple things you can do to keep your home secure while no one is there.

The National Crime Prevention Council offers this advice to keep your property and family protected:

Check your locks

Door and window locks in most homes today might keep out someone who just rattles the knob, but they won't stop a determined or professional burglar. In more than 40 percent of residential burglaries, the thieves came in an unlocked door or window.

Every exterior door should have a dead-bolt lock with a 1-inch throw. If you have a key-in-the-knob lock, install an auxiliary lock—a vertical bolt, cylinder dead-bolt, or horizontal-bolt model. And if you just moved into a new house or apartment, rekey the locks. You never know who may still have old keys. Also, do not hide your keys in mailboxes, planters, or under doormats. Give a duplicate key to a trusted neighbor instead.

Secure sliding-glass doors with commercially-available locks, with a rigid wooden dowel in the track or with a nail inserted through a hole drilled in the sliding-door frame and

projecting into the fixed frame. Lock double-hung windows with window-key locks, or by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash. Consider grilles for basement or street-level windows if you live in a high-crime area.

Check your doors

Locks lose their effectiveness if they are installed in flimsy or weak doors. Make sure outside doors are solid, at least 1 3/4-inch metal or hard wood. Doors should fit tightly in their frames and hinges should be on the inside. Double check the door between your house and the garage, since that is a common entry spot for thieves.

Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors, so you can see who is outside without opening the door. A short chain between the doors and the jamb is not a good substitute because it can be broken easily.

Look at your home from the outside

To discourage burglars from selecting your home, make sure that any shrubbery around doors and windows is pruned, so they will not hide anyone tampering with the entry points. Cut back tree limbs that could help a thief climb into second-story windows.

Keep your yard well-maintained and store ladders and tools inside your garage or basement when you're not

using them. All entrances and porches should be well lit.

Consider an alarm system

If you live in an isolated area or in a neighborhood vulnerable to break-ins, explore the costs of an alarm system. The simplest in-house alarm system sets up a small electrical circuit across door locks and from window to frame. When this current is interrupted by someone opening the door or window, the alarm sounds. More sophisticated systems include sensing devices that set off an alarm when an intruder disturbs a field of continually-moving sound or radar waves. Advanced alarm system can be monitored by a central station which alerts the police if a thief breaks in. These systems can include smoke/fire alarms and "help" or "panic" buttons to signal a medical or other emergency as well.

According to a recent survey by the National Association of Home Builders, security systems are offered as an option in 63 percent of new homes currently built, and they are forecasted to become standard in 61 percent of new homes by the turn of the century.

Have a family plan

Remember that your goal is to avoid any confrontations with a burglar since there is a good chance he or she is armed. If you find a door ajar, a screen slit, or a window broken when you come home—do not go inside. Call the police from a neighbor's house.

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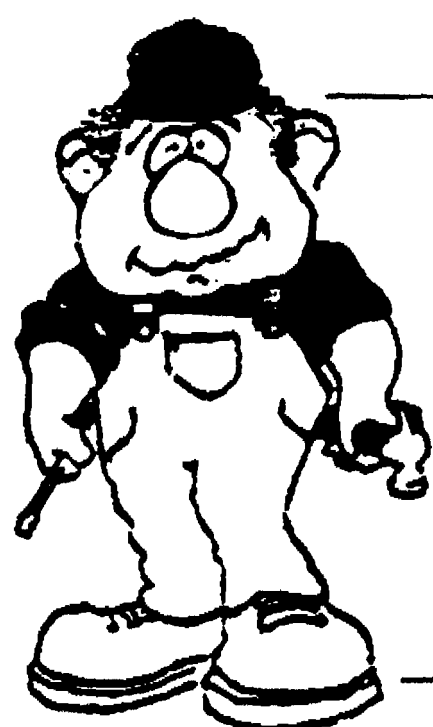
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The right tool always makes any job easier

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Part of owning a home is taking care of it. And, as in most things in life, the right tool can make any job easier. Here is a list of the basic tools the average homeowner should have:

Claw hammer—The claw hammer is the most common hammer and is used for driving and pulling nails. Look for one that is comfortable in your hand.

Rubber mallet—Also known as a soft-face hammer, the rubber mallet is used to strike wood-handled chisels or to tap into place soft materials that would be marred by a metal hammer face.

Set of screwdrivers—Be sure you have both slothead and Phillips-head screwdrivers in a variety of sizes of each. Always use a screwdriver that fits the screw head. If it does not, you can damage the slot or strip the screw.

Drill and drill bits—Whether you buy a hand drill or a power drill is your choice. A good drill will last you a lifetime, so choose based on the projects you will work on for a while. Do not forget to get a variety of drill bits since you will want to drill precision holes. If you choose a power drill, you can grind, sand, polish and do other jobs with the correct accessories.

Paint brushes—Brushes ranging from 1- to 4-inches wide and made of synthetic material or animal hair will be fine for the average homeowner. Be sure to match the brush you use to the job at hand, and if you are using latex paint, do not use natural-bristle brushes. Cut-in work is best done with a chisel brush, and a 1-inch brush is good for trim. To find a good-quality brush, look for one with a lot of bristles of varying lengths and flagged (or split) ends so the paint goes on more smoothly.

Medium-sized adjustable wrench—

General-use wrenches are used for turning any type of hex or square nut or bolt or object with flat surfaces, and plumbing wrenches are for turning objects with round surfaces such as pipes. Buy the best quality you can since this will be a well-used tool.

Pliers—Pliers are scissor-like tools that are usually made of drop-forged steel with jaws to grip small objects. You may want a variety of sizes.

a good choice for general crosscut work.

Measuring tape—Choose a tape that is coated and has a solid case and a reliable return mechanism. A wider tape is easier to read at a distance.

Assorted nails, brads, screws, nuts, bolts and washers—Choose a variety of fasteners to have on hand. You may want to take a visual inventory of the items in your house that will need



Needle-nose pliers with wirecutters—One of several specialty pliers, needle-nose or long-nose pliers have thin, tapered jaws for reaching into tight spots or to hold and bend wire. This is especially helpful in electrical projects.

Crosscut saw—Saws come with various-sized teeth and specific numbers of teeth per inch (tpi) designated by "points." The higher the number, the finer and slower the cutting. Look for taper-ground blades to reduce binding. The 8-point size is

repair in the future and have the parts to fit them on hand.

Level—A wood or wood and metal piece usually 24 to 48 inches long containing a set of small glass tubes with bubbles in them. Levels come in a variety of sizes for a variety of jobs. Check their accuracy by testing a perfectly-level surface.

Plane—Tools used to shave wood from boards. Cut with the grain, using both hands, and at a slight angle. Be sure to keep the blade sharp.

A pesticide-level respirator—A

mask placed in front of your nose and mouth to keep out air-borne particles such as dust, mist, vapors, fumes and any poisonous gases. Be sure to choose a mask that fits snugly to your face. You can buy reusable respirators with filter cartridges for specific uses, plastic masks with replacement filters or disposable paper dust masks that should be discarded after every use.

Safety goggles—Plastic goggles with large front and covered sides large enough to fit over regular eyeglasses. Don't take any chances with your eyes and vision when working around the house.

Heavy gloves—Use for handling rough items such as brick or scrap lumber with exposed nails. Gloves protect your hands and give you a better grip.

Utility knife—also known as a trimming knife or carpet knife, this handy tool is for cutting soft materials such as carpet, drywall, tape and string. Be sure to keep the blades sharp.

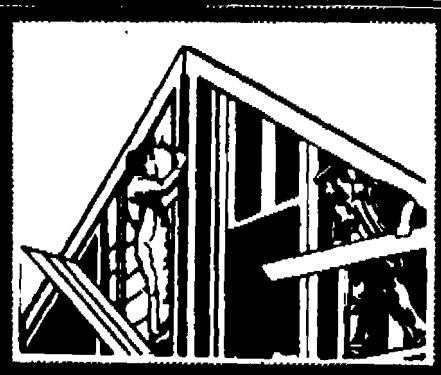
Caulking gun—A metal device with a trigger handle and a notched rod coming out the back. It is used to apply caulk and other sealants from standard 10.5-ounce cartridges.

Putty knife—Also known as a spackling knife, this tool has a narrow blade with a squared-off end used to apply glazing compound, for small scraping jobs and for small spackling jobs. Look for a good-quality knife that will last.

These are the tools that will get you going, but if you have more specific needs, visit your local hardware store or take a trip to your library for reference material.

Note that in the long run, it is better to buy the right tool for the project you are working on instead of making do with what you have on hand. Be sure you buy the best-quality tools you can afford since quality tools last for a lifetime.

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Clip and save
As weather conditions change and time passes, trees and shrubs will

naturally acquire their share of dead twigs and broken branches. So, perhaps one of the easiest steps to take in maintaining the natural beauty of your landscape is pruning correctly. The method and amount to cut varies from plant to plant, so it is best to read up before setting out. If a shrub is seriously overgrown and needs to be cut back, pruning may be necessary to maintain the plant's health. A "thinning" cut removes limbs at the base, allowing light to reach the interior and encourage new growth. A "heading" cut takes the branch only as far back as the bud, encouraging more compact growth. Cut back to the healthy bud, avoiding the branch collar, and disinfect your pruning tools with a 1-to-9 bleach/water solution.

After the method, the means is decided. Determining which pruning

tool to use is relatively simple. Your clippers, shears, loppers or saw should be able to cut the undesirable limb cleanly and with little exertion. Using a tool too weak for the job will mean frayed or jagged edges where the cut is made, and that can lead to disease and cause the plant to be unable to retain proper moisture.

Trimming will occasionally be necessary through the fall. Be careful around young trees and their roots, especially in the winter as severe cuts will cause them to lose vital moisture and nutrients.

Clear and Prevent Danger

Piles of leaves, fallen branches and other dead plant material not only clutter up a yard, but also encourage disease and pests to work their way into the landscape.

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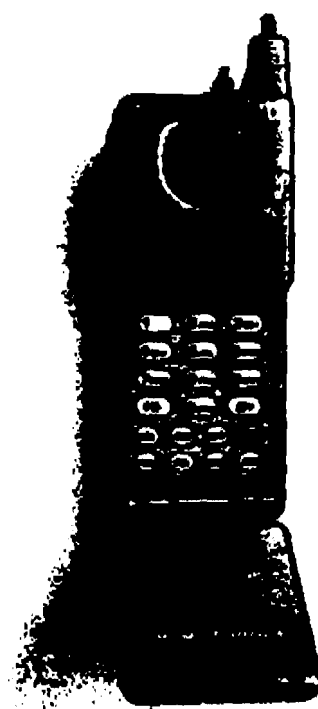
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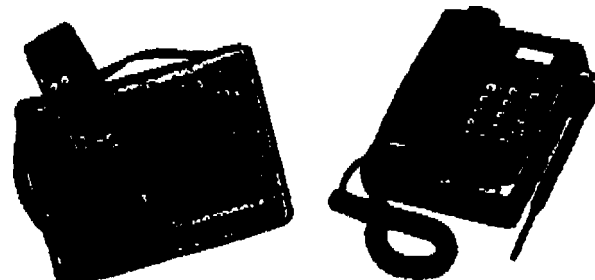
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A home addition or remodeling project can add value to your life and to your home. Best of all, the project doesn't need to be extensive or expensive to provide you with more space today and increased value at resale time.

Before you begin, remember that careful planning ensures happiness upon completion of a remodeling project. This planning includes an important question to ask yourself and your family: "Do we have the time, talents and resources necessary to do the job ourselves, or should we hire a professional?"

Putting It On Paper

A successful start to any remodeling project is putting your plans on paper. Start with a thorough inventory of your home. List what you like and dislike, and identify your current and future needs. Next, list what you'd like to change about your home and develop a "wish list" of features for this new change. This list will be helpful as you proceed with planning and setting your budget.

Hiring A Designer

If your project involves moving walls, redesigning space or building a home addition, you'll probably need an architect or designer. This person's professional expertise will ensure that the completed project enhances your home and satisfies you.

Consult with friends who have completed remodeling projects or check with a local professional association, such as the American Institute of Architects. Choose two or three architects to meet and discuss your project. Ask to see recently completed jobs and for the names of clients.

After you've chosen an architect, work closely with him or her while your plans are being developed. This is an important time to ask questions and to modify your plans.

Hire A Pro Or Do It Yourself?

Now that your plans are on paper, it's time to make the decision to do the work yourself or hire a professional remodeler. Ultimately, you should consider quality. If the finished product isn't consistent with the rest of the home, the money saved will not be money earned at resale. Here are three questions to consider as you're making this decision.

- Do I have the time to do the job right?
- Do I have the skills required?
- Will the quality be consistent with the existing construction?

If you can't answer "yes" to all of these questions, then you'll probably be better off hiring a professional.

The next step is choosing a contractor for your project. Begin by developing a list of four or five contractors referred by friends or associations, like the National Association of the Remodeling Industry or the National Association of Home Builders.

Use the following criteria to help choose a qualified contractor.

- Get rough estimates. Use your plan to describe what you want and find a realistic price range.



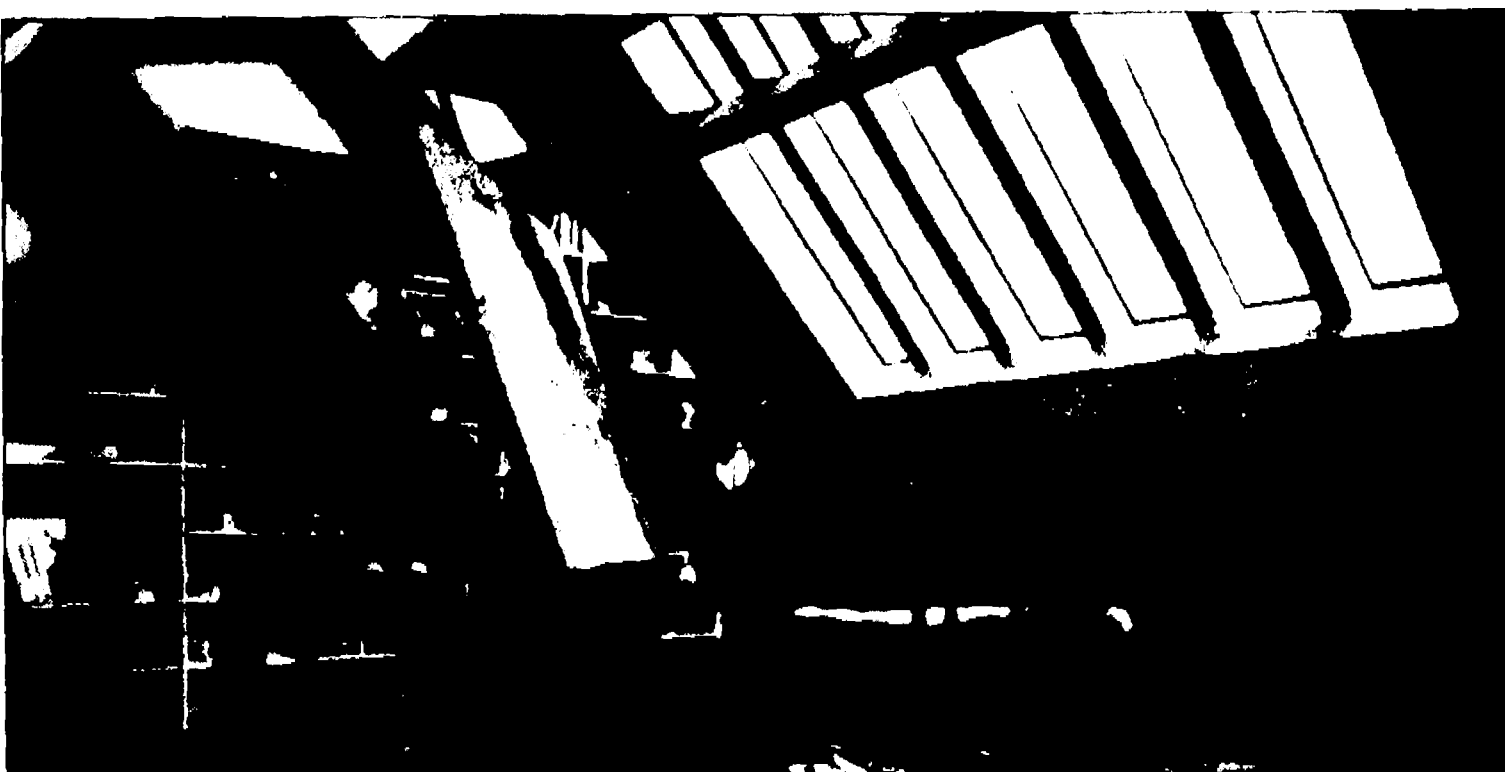
- Establish credentials. Contact the Better Business Bureau and see if the contractor is bonded and has protection for worker's compensation and personal liability.
- Ask for references. They are critical to determine the contractor's workmanship and business ethics.
- Get a firm bid by submitting the

working blueprint to several of the best candidates. Make sure the contractors are using the same information on products used and work done.

Once you're satisfied with a single contractor, get a written contract that outlines details of the project and each

individual's obligations. This should include costs, payment schedules and penalties, if any. Most payment schedules require money down, an amount when the project is half done, and the balance upon completion. Never pay total costs in advance and make sure you are completely satisfied before making a payment.

Open home to view, sunshine



High-tech, high-style windows are being used more than ever to help homeowners enjoy outside views from inside their homes. However, homeowners need not give up practicality and energy efficiency to enjoy big, beautiful windows. The introduction of a new standard labeling practice will help consumers understand what to look for when shopping for windows and patio doors.

Until recently, it was difficult for consumers to accurately compare the energy efficiency of windows because manufacturers used different procedures to test energy performance.

"Today, a uniform testing procedure and energy rating system is being developed to give consumers who are

shopping for windows a single, easy to understand number system that represents a window's energy performance," said Steve Sherod, manager, communications and public relations at Andersen Windows, Inc. "The labeling system will be initiated by the National Fenestration Rating Council (N.F.R.C.) and is similar to what consumers see on water heaters and refrigerators."

According to Sherod, the new labeling system will give homeowners even more flexibility in designing big, beautiful window combinations for remodeling or new home building projects. "Today's wood windows with low maintenance exteriors and energy efficient glass are becoming prominent design features and energy savers in the home," Sherod said. "Homeowners are opening their homes to light by creating Andersen® Feature Windows."

For a custom look, homeowners can combine several standard-sized, energy-efficient Andersen products to create dramatic Andersen Feature Windows. The advantage of using standard size products is that the custom look can be achieved right out of stock at a retail or distributor location.

When window shopping, Sherod suggests looking for the new N.F.R.C. label to compare window brands and following these tips:

- Choose a window with low emissivity glass (Low-E glass) restricts the passage of radiant heat in and out of the home for maximum energy efficiency.
- Consider the type of materials used in the window frames. Low maintenance and energy efficiency is a key factor. Hollow vinyl and aluminum windows need little maintenance, but their insulating properties, compared to wood are low. In fact, wood insulates 1,770 times better than aluminum.
- Work with a reputable retailer. Trained window experts, like those found at your local Andersen Window Center® retail location, will help you understand the new N.F.R.C. rating labels and answer any questions about energy efficiency. They can also be an information resource for project ideas.



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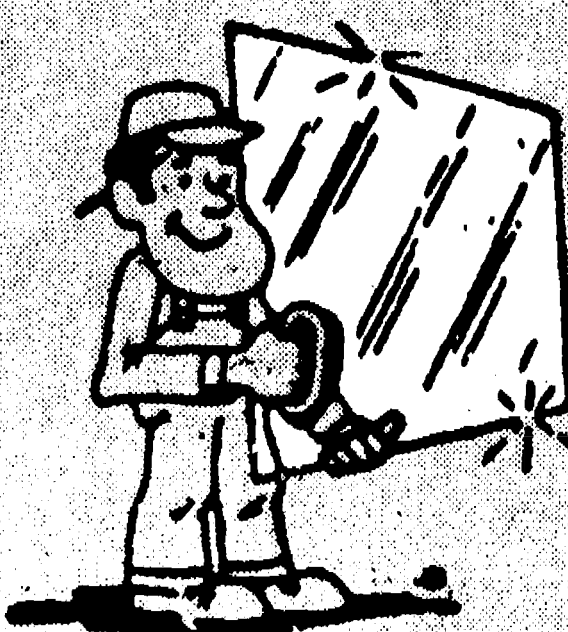
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"When life knocks at the door no one can wait." John Masfield

I'm going to paraphrase the poet Masfield to describe my home improvement project. "When life knocks your doors you can't wait."

That about summed up the condition of the interior doors in my 14-year old home. Life had knocked on these doors with a heavy hand. That paraphrase, by the way, also summed up the attitude of my wife each time she opened or closed or looked at one of the old doors.

The decorating style of our home, when we moved in, resembled one of those dark, Trylon hunting lodges in the Black Forest.

The kitchen tile had a dark brown design, which matched the dark brownish wallpaper. The cabinets were dark stained wood with 50s style Tyrolean curlicues and black wrought iron hinge work.

And the interior doors, which definitely complemented this decor and color scheme, were dark stained flush, lauan type, hollow core models. Aesthetic appeal, none. Sound deadening qualities, none. Wife satisfaction, none. They had to go.

Prior to our moving in, a family with four growing boys occupied the home. The doors withstood the boyish hobbies of excessive slamming, poster hanging and ball-bouncing. The basement door was used with such exuberance that where the door hit the door stopper, a large hole had worked its way into the face of the door.

So, we started to bring a little light into this dark scene. We replaced the tile, remodeled the cabinets, and stripped and painted the walls a bright cheery white. This had a dramatic effect on the interior of the home.

But, in spite of all the work, some thing was still out of place, or rather still in place. That something was the dark brown collection of interior doors. We began to look for suitable replacements.

"Wallpaper came alive...and four doors were five." Mark Van Doren

We visited several home improvement centers to get background on styles, types and costs. Here is what we found.

Interior doors come in a great many styles, shapes and price levels. We found we could replace our hollow core, lauan doors with more hollow core lauan doors and paint them white. We vetoed this idea because the other choices offered more aesthetic appeal and other features and benefits for the money.

The other choices included solid Oak or Pine wood doors, hollow core raised panel doors and a newer item, solid core raised panel doors. The raised panel doors are faced with a wood composite material that resembles wood grain. These doors also come with a smooth face, which when painted cannot be distinguished from their solid wood counterparts. There is a wide variety of styles available, too. There are two panel, three panel, four panel, and six panel. Some are plain fronted, some had eyebrow designs. All the doors we looked at are sold in slab form. Which means they all have to be pre-hung. That is, drilled and routed for hinges and lock sets to match your door openings.

Prices varied widely, too. From \$300 for a solid Oak door to \$29.50 for the hollow core lauan models. The raised panel models ranged from around \$50 for the hollow core to about \$75 for the solid core.

After looking carefully at all the options, we chose a smooth, six panel, solid core, raised panel door made by Premdor Inc. The door is called Safe N' Sound. It has superior sound deadening and fire resistance qualities. It comes factory primed and ready to be painted to match your home's color scheme.

"When one door closes, fortune will usually open another." Fernando De Rojas

Or, now the work began. Most homes have an average of 14 interior doors. Our home has 17 doors plus a bifold.

Tools for the first part of the project were simple. A tape measure, a screw



driver and hammer.

The tape measure was needed to determine the exact dimensions of the door openings, while the screw driver and hammer were used to tap out the hinge pins holding the old doors in place.

Removing the old door was relatively easy. The hollow core doors were light weight and easily maneuvered up and down stairs and around corners.

Here is a note of caution for D.I.Yers. The new solid core doors are heavy. While they can be lifted and carried by one man, it is work. They are considerably heavier than the hollow core variety, and required some strength to move up and down stairs or a long distance, say from our garage to the upstairs master bedroom.

Interior doors come in standard sizes. However, some of our openings and yours too, might be fractions of an inch off the standard. That's where the pre-hanger comes in.

In one instance a quarter inch was shaved from the top of our door to fit into a half closet. It took a week for all 17 doors to be adjusted, routed and drilled. When this was completed, we were ready for painting.

"I lift my lamp beside the golden door." Emma Lazarus

In this case the white door. Tools and materials needed for this portion of the project were two 3" and two 1" paint brushes, light sandpaper, denatured alcohol, a lint free rag, a high quality, high gloss or semi gloss latex paint, and interior primer.

There are two methods you can use to prime and paint your new doors. One is simply laying the doors flat on saw horses. The other requires making a sort of paint booth, and hanging

the door with a hook and eye so it can be spray painted. I chose the saw horse method. I arranged a production line in my two car garage.

Through the pre-hanging and shipping process, our doors received a number of bumps and bangs. This took off some of the factory primer. Trimming the doors to fit the openings also removed primer. Rough spots were lightly sanded, and the doors were wiped with the denatured alcohol to remove all dust. The doors were then re-primed.

Premdor recommends two coats of paint to achieve a high gloss, natural look. The first coat must be completely dry, and bumps and drip marks must be sanded smooth before the second coat is applied.

All the doors were painted in the garage except the bifold. This door was painted in place because of the difficulty in removing it from the doorway and reinstalling it.

"For I am nothing if not

critical." Othello

Installing the new doors was just reversing the removal process. A hammer was needed to tap in the hinge pins, and one, two, three, the home had a whole new look.

The change was truly dramatic. For days after installing the new hallway closet doors, I had to pause on the downstairs landing. The change made me wonder whose house I was in.

Total cost for doors, pre-hanging, hardware and paint was a bit over \$2,700. That's relatively inexpensive cost, considering that I had changed the entire look of my home from late 50s to the present day.

And now, how do we feel about our home's new doors...well, of course, there's a quote, from Theodore Roethke...

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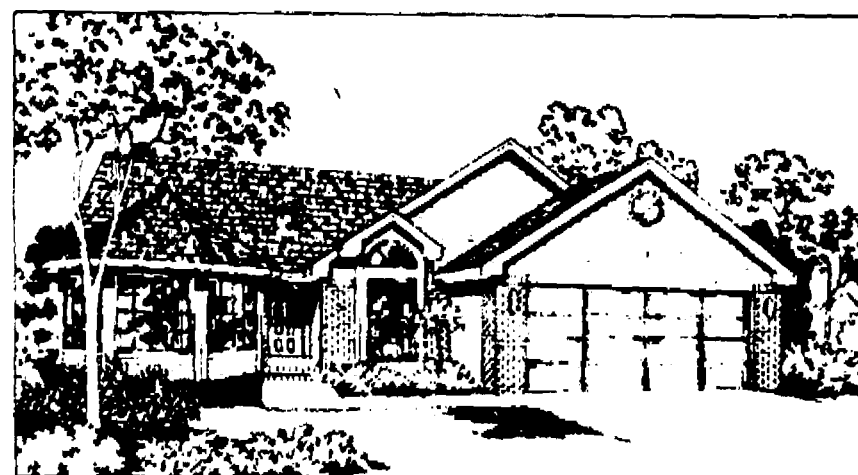
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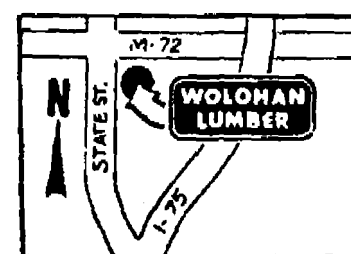
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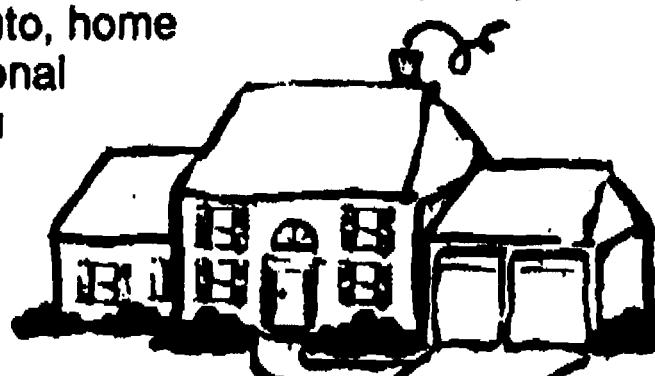
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Homes that fit lifestyles are the latest trend

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Cookie-cutter homes that families must cram into are a thing of the past. Today's homes offer a variety of amenities and conveniences so that they fit families' lifestyles.

One of the most important features of homes today is their size. The median size of new homes has increased from about 1,450 square feet in the late 1960s and early 1970s, to about 2,100 square feet today. It will continue to increase until it reaches 2,200 to 2,300 square feet.

Much of that increased space is devoted to family living area—particularly the kitchen/family room combination, one of the most prevalent trends in both new and remodeled homes. The popularity of the kitchen has surged over the last few decades as it has moved from a room that was used almost solely for cooking, to one

that is enjoyed for cooking, eating, gathering and socializing. As homes have increased in size, the size of kitchens has grown proportionally.

The most popular kitchens today are open to the dining area and seating area. "Light and airy" is the general theme of modern kitchens and it is achieved with french doors, skylights and lots of windows that let in the sun and a view of the garden.

Besides larger living areas, the extra space in homes is being used for storage and flexible, multi-purpose areas. A room over the garage that becomes a bedroom for an aging parent or returning child, a dining room with built-in bookshelves that doubles as a study or office—these are flexible uses of space that buyers are seeking.

One of the latest flex-space ideas in new homes is an all-season room in the basement with light shafts from the ground level to allow for natural

lighting, floors designed to cushion an exerciser's feet and specialized storage for tools and hobby supplies.

Where basements are not common, flex-space rooms may be devoted to exercise equipment or to storage. A "down and dirty" room for hobbies is another idea gaining popularity.

Technology is also changing homes. Offices are becoming a common sight in new homes as the easy availability of high-tech equipment and growing

commuting problems entice more people to work from home. Another result of the technology boom is the prevalence of a media room. No longer satisfied with just a TV and VCR, consumers are beginning to demand full video and sound systems.

Whatever specific rooms are used for, the general trend in homes is clear—more space that suits each family's specific needs today and in the future.

A different home for different times of life

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

The median size of a newly-completed single-family home in 1994

was 1,940 square feet. Does that mean that size home is right for everyone or that every house built was that size? Of course not—choice is a key element for American home buyers.

Many people choose much smaller homes while others opt for homes with a lot more square footage. Often, the choices depend upon the buyer's age and their station in life. Singles and young couples with no children definitely have different needs than a family with several teenagers or the empty-nester couple.

A condo or townhouse or other smaller, attached home may be perfect for single people or young couples with no children or just a baby. These home buyers may be happy with 1- or 2-bedroom homes.

As family size grows, so does the need for a bigger home. Typically, families with children choose a larger, single-family home with a yard and garage. New homes with four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and at least a 2-car garage are increasingly popular for families.

In 1994, 30 percent of new homes had four or more bedrooms, up from 20 percent in 1986. In 1994, just about half (49 percent) of new homes built had 2 1/2 baths; 15 percent had three baths or more. Also, 78 percent of new homes had at least a 2-car garage, up from 60 percent in 1986.

When the children go off to college and parents are still working and active and healthy, they may not yet think it is time to downsize. Rather, they may customize their home or buy a new home that better suits their needs. Many are taking a fourth bedroom and combining it with the existing master bedroom to create a more luxurious master bedroom/bath with additional closets.

In new homes, these buyers are looking for two master bedrooms, one on the lower level for their own use to avoid stair climbing and another on the second level for family and guests. These well-to-do home buyers want their house guests to have a bedroom suite as comfortable as their own.

A few years down the road, these home owners may be ready for the more care-free lifestyle of an attached home or condo. Unwilling to give up the luxuries they're accustomed to, they want spacious and comfortable homes with plenty of amenities and storage space.

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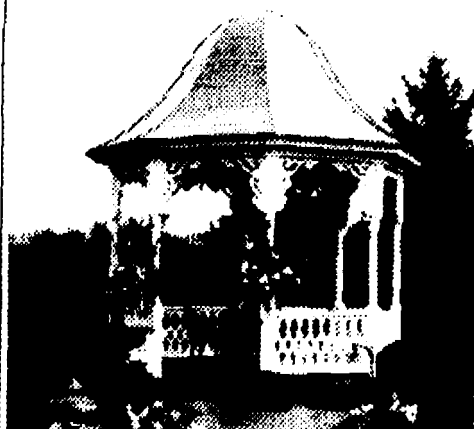
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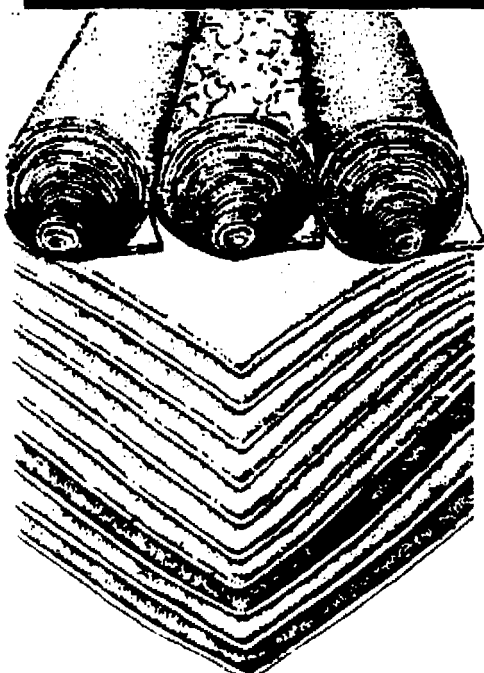
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Neutral colors reflect comfort, environment

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Like so many other things these days, today's popular colors of the home are recycled. Yesterday's harvest gold is today's mustard, the old avocado green is today's very-trendy sage and bone is now biscuit.

The most popular colors are neutrals and light earth tones rather than pastels or jewel tones.

"Colors are definitely going more neutral with warmer colors, like red or evergreen, being used as accents," said Suzanne Felber, president of Memory Merchandising, a model home decorating and merchandising company with offices in Tucson, Dallas and New York. "Like everything else, color is being influenced by environmental concerns."

Used in the home, these environmentally-influenced colors create surroundings that are comforting. Even color names are becoming more reflective of our natural environment—maple sugar, antelope, nectar, peach, bamboo and evergreen, for example.

Today's most popular environmental color is sage—a very



light green with a hint of gray. It is being used for everything from carpeting to upholstery to accessories and is often mixed with a light taupe.

"It's the hottest color right now," Felber said. "It's soft, it doesn't hit you over the head."

Also popular is textured

backgrounds to break up the use of earth tones, beiges and off-whites, according to Kay Green, owner of Kay Green Design and Merchandising in Orlando, who also does work in the Midwest, the Northeast and throughout the South. Popular color schemes today include mustard with sage, white and off-white with sage, navy and amber

and beige with rust, she said.

"The earth tones are recycled from the late '70s and early '80s, but they're lighter," Green said.

While neutrals have always been popular, they are gaining wider appeal, in part, because of the trend of do-it-yourself decorating. According to Felber, "Home buyers are more likely to spend their money on neutral colors."

This trend toward neutral is also seen in furnishings. At a recent contemporary furniture show in New York, where cold metals usually dominate, neutrals were everywhere, Felber said. Most of the furnishings featured neutral colors with wood and teal. The popular British Colonial furnishings look of rattan and teal also works well with neutral colors and accents.

Unlike some past color trends, neutrals are being seen in every region of the country, Felber said. In the Southwest, a sand base mixed with tropical colors is prevalent; in Dallas, neutrals are used with black; and on the East Coast, neutrals are seen with jewel tones as accents.

"Neutrals are popular across the board," Felber said.



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Options for qualifying for a mortgage loan

By Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Today's new homes offer a wealth of options and features of which your parents and grandparents could only dream. But before your home wish list gets too long, it helps to have a rough idea of how big a mortgage loan you can handle.

The best way to figure out the amount of the loan you can afford is to prequalify. By prequalifying, you are not guaranteed to get a loan, but you will at least have a ballpark figure to work from. Prequalifying can be done either on your own or with the help of a builder, lender or real estate professional. Many real estate or housing finance professionals have computer programs that can quickly calculate the size of the mortgage you can handle.

Prequalifying involves looking at your household's income and assets, calculating your regular monthly expenses, and then determining how much might be left over each month for a home loan. If you are unsure how to begin, you should tell all the people in your household to save and identify all purchase receipts for a month or two. From the receipts, your checkbooks and credit card statements, you should be able to make a reasonable estimate.

If you have a computer with spreadsheet software, you may want to set up a simple spreadsheet to record your income and expenses on a regular basis. The computer can also keep running totals to help you better visualize your household budget.

On the income side, you obviously need to calculate your household's take-home pay, which is your gross pay minus taxes. You can also include any interest, dividends, rents or other income that you regularly receive. Do not include income from assets that you plan to use for a down payment.

For non-housing expenses, there is a long list of items. You need to determine how much you normally spend on food and household supplies. Other expenditures might include car payments and expenses, installment payments such as credit card charges, clothing, medical costs and insurance, life and automobile insurance, commuting costs, recreation/hobbies, telephone, contributions/dues/fees, personal expenses (dry cleaning, hair styling, etc.), student loan or child support payments (if applicable), entertainment and any miscellaneous expenses. You should also calculate a portion of your income to be set aside for savings, which is an important part of any household budget.

After you have figured your income and non-housing expenses, you are ready to calculate your monthly housing expenses. You can think of this component as being composed of four pairs of items. The first is the principal and interest on your mortgage, which is the amount of the monthly payment you make to your lender. The second is taxes and insurance, which includes your property taxes and homeowners insurance. The third is heat and utilities, which includes charges for your heat, water, electric and gas. And the fourth is for maintenance and repair, because you need to have money set aside to keep up your new home (e.g., changing filters, periodic painting and landscaping) and to repair items that may need to be fixed in the future.

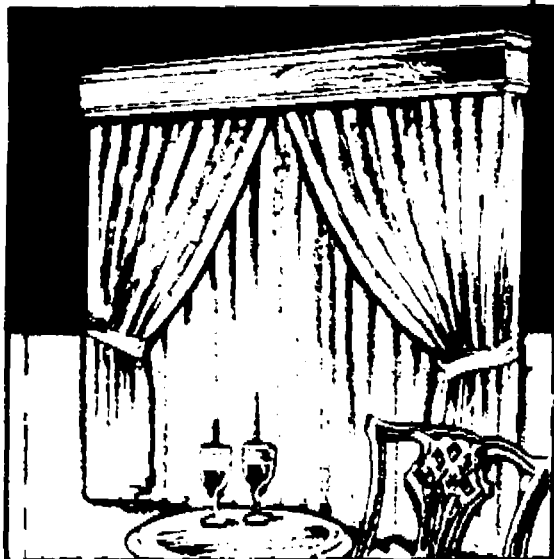
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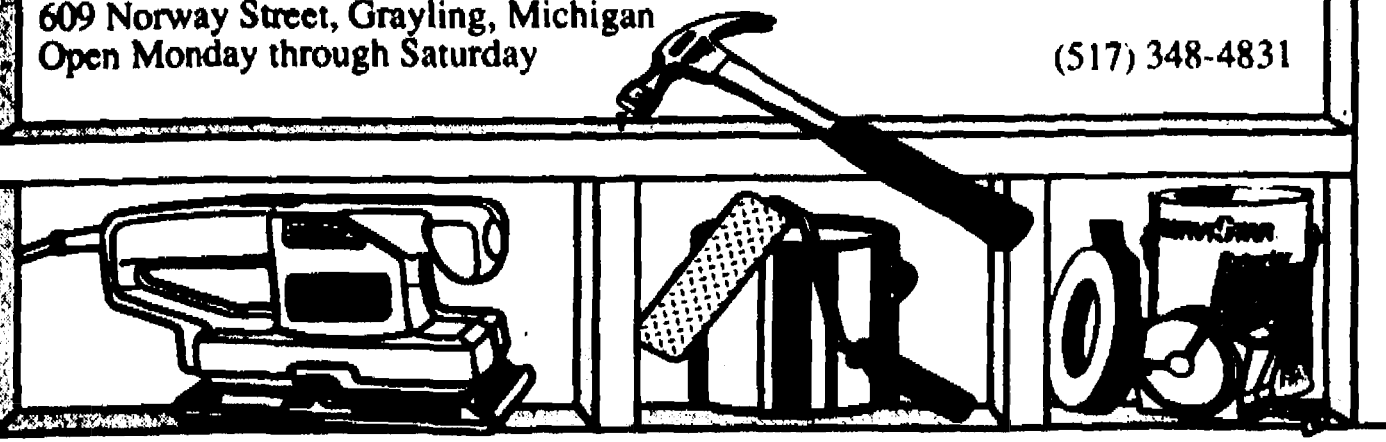
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